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CASTELORIZO HELD BY FRENCH TROOPS

Turkish Island in Eastern Mediterranean Will Be Used as Naval Base

IT HAS AN AREA OF ELEVEN SQUARE MILES

German Forces From Serbia at Varna, Bulgarian Black Sea Port

Paris, Dec. 30.—French troops have occupied the Turkish island of Castelorizo (Kastellorizo), in the Aegean sea, between the island of Rhodes and the Gulf of Adalia, according to the morning papers in Paris. The possession of Castelorizo as a naval base is characterized as indispensable.

Castelorizo is a small island of Asiatic Turkey lying off the south coast of Asia Minor, 75 miles east by south of Rhodes. It has an area of eleven square miles and is inhabited mainly by Greeks.

Ferdinand's Palace Hit.

London, Dec. 30.—King Ferdinand's palace at the Black sea port of Varna was hit during the recent bombardment by Russian warships of that Bulgarian town, but the damage was unimportant, says a dispatch from Athens to Reuters. The same Russian squadron, the correspondent adds, bombarded the Bulgarian port of Trakia.

Important German forces from Serbia, according to semi-official advice received by the correspondent, are now concentrated at Varna.

At Belgrade.

CONSCRIPTION CRISIS IS MELTING AWAY

Grey, Kitchener, Lloyd George, Balfour, Bonar Law, Henderson Support Asquith

London, Dec. 30.—(By Windermere.)—The conscription crisis is melting away. Mr. Asquith is giving the hesitating ministers another day to consider their threatened resignations, but the most influential members of the cabinet are now leaning definitely behind the prime minister, namely, Sir Edward Grey, A. J. Balfour, Andrew Bonar Law, Lord Kitchener and David Lloyd George. There is no serious talk now of a general election, and an informal canvass of the commons indicates that the Liberal non-conscription group is not likely to exceed thirty. These may persist in opposing the bill for conscription of single, unattached men, but the rest of the English Liberal and Unionist vote will be with Mr. Asquith.

The Labor party is still debating, but it is significant that Arthur Henderson is named among the cabinet ministers who will support the prime minister.

Ireland Excluded.

The National question is more difficult, but as Lord Derby's recruiting scheme has not been applied to Ireland, it is quite possible that Ireland also will be excluded from the new conscription bill, which is, after all, only a legal extension of the moral obligations entailed by the Derby scheme.

That staunch radical Home Rule and anti-conscription journal, the Manchester Guardian, expresses the general public feeling that for the purposes of the present war Britain is no longer an island. "We must meet continental armies with an army also on a continental scale," it says. This argument has converted many leading Liberals like Sir Alfred Mond, Sir Chiozza Money and Ellis Griffith. They feel as another Liberal journal, the Westminster Gazette, says, that the alternative now is either going out of the war or adopting conscription.

MEMBERS OF FORD PARTY HAVE FEARS

Stockholm, Dec. 30.—Anxiety regarding the relations between Austria-Hungary and the United States was felt by the members of the Ford peace party to-day.

"No matter what happens," said Louis Lochner, who came across as one of Ford's secretaries, "the party will go on with its mission. If a break comes we cannot consider Mme Schwimmer an enemy alien, even though she is a native of Hungary."

Two thousand persons attended the meeting of the peace delegates last night.

HIS NEW HOBBY



THE ALL-HIGHEST SUDDENLY HAS DEVELOPED INTO A GREAT BIRD FANCIER

(Dispatch from Vienna to Geneva: "Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg is expected in Vienna shortly with the full conditions under which the central powers will accept peace. The conditions will be officially communicated to the allies, Germany suggesting that the first conference be held at The Hague.")

GERMANS COULD NOT REPAIR TRENCHES

French Artillery Interfered in Region of Navarin Farm, Champagne

ENEMY'S PREPARATIONS FOR EARLY OFFENSIVE

Paris, Dec. 30.—The official statement issued to-day says:

"West of Peronne the enemy was repulsed in an attempt to capture one of our saps in front of Dompierre."

"In Champagne, in the region of the Navarin farm, our artillery prevented the enemy from repairing trenches which we had demolished on the night of Dec. 28-29."

"Elsewhere there was nothing to report."

German Statement.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—Heavy fighting continues in the Vosges. Announcement is made by the war office that positions near Hartmannsweilerkopf have been reconquered by the Germans. A British surprise attack near Lille failed.

The statement runs in part:

"Southeast of Albert we captured a few dozen Englishmen in a night attack."

"Enemy aeroplanes bombarded Weruyc and Menin, killing seven civilians and wounding a child. No military damage was done."

Enemy Preparations.

The Hague, Dec. 30.—Dispatches received here state that 30,000 German soldiers are arriving daily in Belgium. Trainloads of artillery also are en route to various Belgian bases. These are taken as indications of Germany's plan to attempt a big offensive along the front in Belgium and France.

MONTANA EXPECTING
RISE IN TEMPERATURE

Helena, Mont., Dec. 30.—Below zero temperatures were reported in all parts of Montana this morning, with Helena holding the record at 11 degrees below. The highest reported at any other government station in the state was two below. There are snow buries in southeastern Montana, but in other sections it is clear. The forecast is for rising temperatures to-morrow.

SERGEANT INJURED; BOMB
EXPLODED BY CIGARETTE

Toronto, Dec. 30.—Sergeant Jeffers, of the 31st Battalion, was injured during bomb practice this morning through a cigarette exploding a bomb.

KAISER'S DOCTORS HAVE RESORTED TO LANCING

London, Dec. 30.—A dispatch from Zurich, Switzerland, to the Central News says:

"Kaiser Wilhelm, who is suffering from a suppurating phlegmon in the neck, has been given some relief, his doctors having resorted to lancing."

FIRE CAUSED BY BOMB EXPLOSION

Blaze Raged Until Steamship Bankdale Reached Bordeaux; Cotton Destroyed

New York, Dec. 30.—The steamship Bankdale arrived to-day from Bordeaux after a tempestuous voyage during which fittings and rails were carried away and lifeboats lifted from their fastenings.

On the outward voyage to Bordeaux, on Nov. 19, when the vessel was 750 miles from that port, a bomb exploded in No. 6 hatch. The cargo, consisting of cotton, was set on fire and the blaze raged until she reached port. All the cotton in the No. 6 compartment, consisting of 200 bales, was destroyed.

Cable dispatches received here on Nov. 26 from Bordeaux stated that the Bankdale had arrived there with a fire in her hold and that an inquiry was being instituted. No mention was made in the cable dispatches of a bomb explosion on board.

AUSTRIA'S ANSWER GIVEN TO PENFIELD

Expected Reply Regarding Ancona Will Be Received in Washington Saturday

Washington, Dec. 30.—Ambassador Penfield, at Vienna, has received Austria's reply to the second American note regarding the sinking of the liner Ancona. An official announcement to that effect was made by Secretary Lansing to-day.

Ambassador Penfield reported that the reply was about three thousand words in length, and that considerable time would be necessary to place the communication in code in the embassy in Vienna. There was nothing in his dispatch to indicate the tenor of the reply. Officials of the state department believe the note will arrive about Saturday.

20 DEGREES BELOW AT PRINCE ALBERT

Spokane, Dec. 30.—Temperatures near zero or below were recorded by government thermometers in Idaho, Montana and eastern Washington to-day. Kallspell and Havre, Mont., reported ten degrees below zero. Ulagi reported the lowest temperature as two above and in Spokane one above was registered at 6 o'clock.

Prince Albert, Sask., reported 20 degrees below zero.

ITALIAN TROOPS ARE IN DURAZZO

Reported They Have Taken Possession of Port in Albania

GERMAN CONSUL HAS RETURNED TO BERLIN

Geneva, Dec. 30.—It is reported here on good authority that Italian troops have occupied the Albanian seaport of Durazzo.

The report apparently is corroborated by the fact that the German consul at Durazzo, the members of his staff and fifty other Germans passed through Bellinzona, Switzerland, yesterday, en route to Berlin.

Durazzo and Avlona are the principal Albanian ports. Avlona was occupied by the Italians several months ago, before Italy entered the war. Durazzo is on a peninsula in the Adriatic Sea, forty miles south of the Montenegrin border. There have been previous reports of Italian activity there, principally in connection with the landing of supplies for the Serbian army.

AUSTRIANS THROWN BACK BY THE FORCES OF KING NICHOLAS

Cettigne, Dec. 30.—After heavy fighting for three days between Montenegrin and Austrian troops the Austrians are in retreat on one part of the front, the war office announced to-day. The statement follows:

"There is violent artillery fighting along the whole front of the sanjak army. The enemy continued his attacks against Bastovagora, but the Austrians, after three days of tenacious fighting, are now retreating."

It is estimated that not more than 1,000,000 wounded have been cared for thus far in France.

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ATTACKING ALONG FORTY-MILE FRONT

Russian Forces Are Carrying Out Great Offensive in Bukovina

THEIR GUNS ARE USING AMMUNITION FREELY

In North Czar's Troops Are Threatening Mitau; Futile Attempt by the Germans

London, Dec. 30.—Although Petrograd is silent on the subject, the public is inclined to believe the Russians are undertaking a great offensive in Bukovina, near the Bessarabian border.

Official Austrian reports, telling of attacks by dense masses of Russian troops, indicate that an important battle is under way.

The fighting centres at a point near Toporetz, a small town just within the border of Northern Bukovina, but a simultaneous attack is being made along an extended front, reaching from the Pruth to a position north of the Danister, about forty miles. The latest advices state that the Russian assault is being continued, accompanied by an equally heavy bombardment.

Threatening Mitau.

Unofficial reports from the extreme northern portion of the eastern front state that the Germans have made a serious but futile attack in the region of Lake Babite, while the Russians, west of Lake Kanger, are threatening Mitau. These opposing attacks create a delicate situation, as a successful advance by either would endanger considerable forces of the defeated opponent.

Along the western front, except for mining and aerial engagements on the British lines, the chief fighting seems to be confined to the Vosges, where, in the region of Hartmannsweilerkopf, the French have made a successful advance. Berlin officially attempts to minimize this success, but does not deny it wholly.

In Balkans.

Nothing has happened to change the Macedonian position, but it is generally believed that any advance into Greek territory would have to be made by the Bulgarians, the opinion being that the Austro-Germans cannot spare enough troops for a serious attempt against Salonica.

Domestic tension here over the conscription question has been greatly relieved. Speculation continues concerning the method which is adopted to reach eligible unmarried men, a majority agreeing that the Derby plan of attestation will be extended for this purpose.

FRENCH WOUNDED COST \$200,000 DAY

There Are 500,000 Beds in Military and Auxiliary Hospitals

Paris, Dec. 30.—There are 500,000 beds in the military and auxiliary hospitals of France.

The cost of their maintenance is 1,000,000 francs (\$200,000) daily. This figure, however, gives no idea of the expenditure per patient, for the number varies constantly and a considerable proportion of the beds are always empty.

American contributions for French hospital and ambulance work have exceeded 5,000,000 francs (\$1,250,000). About 80,000,000 francs (\$20,000,000) have been spent in France thus far by three Red Cross societies. At present they are maintaining 115,000 beds, in 1,200 hospitals, at an outlay of between 4,000,000 (\$800,000) and 5,000,000 (\$1,000,000) francs monthly.

The Society for the Aid of Wounded Soldiers, the principal Red Cross organization, started with 7,000,000 francs (\$1,400,000) at the beginning of the war. The remainder of its expenditures and those of the other two societies have been met by charitable contributions.

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Lewis Harcourt as New Viceroy of India



Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—A special cable message from London received here to-day says:

"Right Hon. Lewis Harcourt, first commissioner of works, has resigned from the cabinet to become viceroy of India."

WOULD ENCOURAGE PEOPLE OF GERMANY

Effect of Change in Imperial Government Would Be Felt in States

NEW YORK HERALD DISCUSSES OUTLOOK

New York, Dec. 30.—The Herald, commenting on the British parliamentary situation, says:

"Of course, it may be accepted as a fact that the impending political crisis in Great Britain will not, in any sense, diminish the determination of the British people to pursue the war to a successful conclusion."

"Despite the attacks which have been made upon it, the Asquith ministry has done well. It has borne burdens the weight of which, if they could have been foreseen at the outbreak of the war, would have caused men's cheeks to blanch and everyone to say, 'It is impossible.' It has held the seas; it has raised nearly four million men for fighting; it has financed the war not only for the empire, but for the other nations; it has armed Russia and given her other assistance; it has cleared Africa of the Germans. With the assistance of France it has stopped Germany and Austria at every point except in the Balkans, and held Paris, the Channel and the United Kingdom safe."

"More than a year ago the Northcliffe newspapers were showing how inevitable the capture of Calais and a German invasion of England were. They were of short memory. If Britain could produce cabinets which would never make any mistakes either in peace or war, in diplomacy or finance, she would rule both hemispheres for all time."

But in spite of the war performed by the Asquith ministry and Lord Kitchener, it is proposed to turn them out and enter upon untried paths with new pathfinders. It is much to be doubted whether this unexampled attack will succeed.

"The chief harm that can come as a result of this washing of dirty linen is its effect, first, upon the other members of the cabinet; second, upon the friends in this and other neutral countries. It is to be expected that the effect upon France, Russia and Italy has already been discounted. It will, perhaps, make no difference with them, but should by any chance the conspiracy succeed, it will be necessary to have the most positive guarantees that activity will be increased rather than diminished. A weight of responsibility would go upon the shoulders of the new ministry that would certainly be doubled and which those responsible would shrink because they are trained only in fault-finding."

Would Encourage Germans.

"But the effect on Germany would be a different matter. A change in ministry in Great Britain would be hailed, as in fact the signs have already been hailed, as a weakening, as a desire on the part of the greatest and most hated enemy of Germany to sue for peace. This would be giving encouragement to the foe with a vengeance. It is much to be deplored, because the German public has been fed constantly with the idea that peace is at hand—always at hand—whereas it is further away than ever."

"Here, too, the news that Mr. Asquith and his cabinet were out would be used to mislead and depress. What would be the effect on Germany?"

AUSTRIANS LOST TWO DESTROYERS

Result of Attempt by Enemy to Bombard Durazzo, Albania

OTHER WARSHIPS OF SQUADRON PURSUED

Chased Towards Cattaro, Their Base, by Squadrons of Allies

Paris, Dec. 30.—Two Austrian torpedo boat destroyers were sunk as a result of an encounter with sea forces of the allies at a point outside of Cattaro, in the Adriatic.

The purpose of the Austrian ships was to bombard Durazzo. An allied squadron went to meet them, with the result above set forth. In addition, the remainder of the Austrian squadron was pursued by the warships of the allies and compelled to flee toward the Austrian base.

This information is contained in an announcement given out to-day by the French marine department which reads:

Allies Prepared.

"An Austrian naval division having come out from Cattaro for the purpose of bombarding Durazzo, certain squadrons of the allies went forth to give battle. The Austrian torpedo boat destroyer Lika encountered a mine and was blown up. The destroyer Triglav, of the same type, was destroyed by fire from the ships of the allies. The remaining warships of the enemy were pursued and fled in the direction of their base."

There have been several previous encounters of lesser importance than the one now reported in connection with Austrian attempts to interrupt the transportation of Italian troops to Albania and of supplies for the Serbian forces, which have retreated to that country. Several supply ships have been sunk by Austrian warships.

The destroyers Lika and Triglav were sister ships, completed in 1913. They were 266 feet long and of 787 tons displacement. Each was armed with two 4-inch guns, six 12-pounders and four torpedo tubes.

WORK HARDER; SAVE MORE, SAYS WHITE

Govt. Will Consider New Loan in Spring, States Finance Minister

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—Hon. W. T. White, minister of finance, returned from Toronto this morning. In a short interview, Mr. White declared that the New Year would find the finances of the Dominion in a most satisfactory condition.

"The returns from the war budget of last February," he said, "have exceeded my best expectations. Between reduction in expenditure through the policy of proceeding only with works under contract at the outbreak of the war, and the largely increased revenue from the new taxes and customs and excise duties, the financial position is most favorable."

"What about future borrowing for war purposes?" he was asked.

"The question does not arise at present," he replied, as the recent war loan, with its instalment payments and the surplus cash and revenues of the Dominion will provide for war expenditures until next summer. In the spring we will consider what further funds are required and where to raise them. As Canada faced the financial situation by a comprehensive measure of taxation last February and has followed only legitimate financial methods, her credit stands very high in the financial world, both at home and abroad. The people of Canada can preserve that credit and keep the nation strong for the war by increasing production and exercising a reasonable economy. 'Work harder; save more,' is a good motto for war times."

COAL AT NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 30.—Anthracite operators to-day denied numerous reports that a shortage of anthracite coal exists, or that wholesale prices have been advanced recently.

ever may be the official attitude of the American government, the sympathies of the great mass of the public are passionately with the entente allies and against their enemies.

"So that the friends of the cause of humanity and civilization should bear in mind that, whatever happens, it does not mean a cessation of the war. Any Britisher who suggested that would not be simply turned out, he would be hanged to a lamp post."

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SURPRISE ATTACK NEAR ARMENTIERES

A British Success; German
Work Near Hirszteln Taken
by the French

London, Dec. 30.—The following official statement was issued last night: "The enemy made an unsuccessful attack on one of our aerodromes. Of four machines only two reached their objective. No damage was caused. One of our aeroplanes was shot down. Last night there was a successful enterprise near Armentieres. The enemy's trenches were bombed with good effect. The casualties were numerous. After ten minutes the party withdrew. Our casualties were light. To-day our artillery was effective against the trenches and billets in many places between Mametz and Monchy. The enemy exploded two small mines near Givenchy. There was no damage to either troops or trenches. The day was quiet south of La Bassée canal. About Ypres a heavy reciprocal bombardment occurred."

Paris, Dec. 30.—The following official communication was issued last night: "In Belgium and Artois the artillery displayed activity on both sides in the course of the day. To the north of the Aisne we destroyed machine gun shelters. In the Argonne we exploded two mines near Hill 255. And to the north of La Fille Morte a small German post was blown up. In the Vosges a rather spirited cannonade occurred at different points of the sector. It was very violent in the region of Hartmannsweilerkopf. The action started yesterday left us masters of a series of German works established between Rehfselen and Hirszteln."

"The number of Germans who have fallen into our hands since yesterday has reached 200. The total number of unharmed prisoners taken since the beginning of these operations is 1,668." The following Belgian official communication was issued last evening: "To the north and to the south of Dixmude our shelling of the enemy machine gun shelters has given the best results. Our batteries destroyed the parapets on German fortified works at the Chateau de Woumen and near Luyghem."

GERMANY DOMINATES AUSTRIA COMPLETELY

Kaiser's Trip to Vienna Had
Practical Result of Signifi-
cant Character

London, Dec. 30.—The recent trip of Kaiser Wilhelm to Vienna and all the facts connected with it or attributed to it are receiving growing explanation in different quarters, writes Mr. Wladaw Czarniewski. "But," says this well informed writer, "it is quite true that Germany is aiming at establishing a zollverein with the dual monarchy and that neither Austria nor Hungary favors such a policy. Nevertheless, in my opinion, the ministerial changes in Austria came as a result of a pitiable state of affairs in that country, and in this respect Hungary enjoys more favorable conditions than Austria. Hungary has a real object in the war, and not only Count Tiska, but the whole Hungarian nation, is a hearty supporter of Germany in the present struggle. With Austria it is different. Neither Poles nor Rumanians nor other Slavs (Serbians, Croats, Ruthenians, etc.) have given the support which Austria expected of them. The last Austro-Hungarian loan, which proved to be a failure, gave a bitter result in Hungary than in Austria. This state of affairs would be in the province of the Austrian ministers of the interior, commerce and finance. Not being able to show a satisfactory result of their administration in the particulars named, it is quite possible that they were dismissed at Kaiser Wilhelm's suggestion."

Austria Tired of War. "That little matter, however, was far from being the most important object of this Kaiser's first visit to Vienna since the early days of the war. Much more important questions must have been discussed. Austria is tired, terribly tired, of the war. Back in last spring, when the Russians were at the gates of Cracow, the Austrian emperor was inclined to conclude a separate peace. To save the situation, Germany sent her troops to Galicia and reconquered almost all that province. Austria, however, does not enjoy the fruits of these victories; she is more and more becoming a dependent of Germany; the successes of the German troops in Galicia only brought humiliation to the proud Hapsburgs. Germany ignored her promises, formerly given to Austria, concerning Poland. Little to Be Expected. "German policy in Poland indicates that Austria can expect very little from her ally's conquest there. Even the parts of Poland adjoining the Galician frontier, those rich in coal and iron, although conquered by Austrian troops, were instantly occupied by the Germans, who consider them their property. "Austria also is afraid of the Rumanian danger. Germany is bargaining with Rumania and she intends the dual monarchy shall settle the bill. On another front the dual monarchy is now threatened with a danger which concerns her most vital interests: they are breaking down the gate to Trieste and Croatia. If once they occupy the Austrian Adriatic coast the dual monarchy will be cut off from the sea; she will lose her position as a great power; she will become a small state like Belgium, with an outlet to the world through Hamburg. The aged emperor realizes that nothing is being done for Austria except that which will help Germany. The people are suffering more and more; they have plenty food, no money, no prospects; at any price they need a cessation of hostilities. "One of the Italian papers a few days ago announced that Austria was aiming at obtaining a separate peace. The Italian press is unusually well informed about Austrian affairs. In Austria, their previous ally, there are many Austro-Italians, and the connection between the Italian and Austrian clergy also is very close. Grip Strengthened. "There is no doubt that the German government is well aware not only of the internal state of affairs in Austria, but also of the state of mind of her emperor. Kaiser Wilhelm, although bloody in his deeds, is a very brilliant man. It is an old practice of his to go in person to places where ministers are unable to carry through his policy. The necessity for peace would have been put forward to him by Francis Joseph, largely based on the internal affairs of Austria. To mend it and at the same time to strengthen Germany's grip on Austria the German Kaiser recommended dismissal of ministers and their substitution by men who should make Austria still more dependent on Germany. Austria already is dominated by Germany, not only militarily, but financially: Austrian trade has been mortgaged to the German banks for the last Austrian loan. And Germany means to have more."

YUAN SHI KAI TRIES
TO CRUSH REVOLUTION

Peking, Dec. 30.—President Yuan Shi Kai issued a mandate yesterday ordering the military governors of the provinces adjacent to Yunnan to dispatch troops to suppress the revolutionists. The French government has declined to permit movement of Chinese troops over the French-owned railway from Lien-Chau to the city of Yunnan. The rebels have protested against such use of the line and it is feared that if permission were granted the rebels would destroy the railway and attack foreigners. The state council, sitting as parliament, discussed the revolution yesterday.

SENSE OF POWER OF THE BRITISH PEOPLE

Neutral Writer Tells Germans
People of Motherland Are
Quietly Confident

Amsterdam, Dec. 30.—The "strong sense of power and of self-confidence that seems to be the very atmosphere of Britain" is commented upon by Dr. Hans Vorst, a neutral correspondent, in recounting in the Berliner Tageblatt the impressions he gained on a recent visit to Britain. He begins his article by telling of meeting a Russian government official in London, who, after a rather despondent review of the operations on the Russian front, said: "At any rate, one feels quite at ease and heartened again after a few days in London."

This statement interested Dr. Vorst. He decided to make a closer investigation of the Russian remark, and found that he himself soon succumbed to the sense of London's might. In his own words, he came under the spell of London's "silent demonstration of solid wealth; quiet strength and established power."

Changed But Little. Speaking of the life in London, Dr. Vorst tells the people of Berlin that the form London had changed little during the war beyond the darkening of its streets.

"Nowhere in the warring capitals has street traffic suffered so little. In Berlin and Paris motor buses have disappeared. But in London—even those that were sent over to France at the beginning of the war have been replaced. The Paris hotels have reduced their prices to a war scale, but no such concessions have been made in London. Furthermore, the stages of London are as resplendent as ever, evening dress is common in the boxes and orchestra chairs, except for officers in uniform, and the restaurants have lost none of their elegance."

"Conversations with Britons show that the British themselves are dominated by a sense of conscious power."

Impression Grows. "This impression grows," he adds. "The more one talks with Britons. The hysterical behavior of certain British newspapers does not seem to me to reflect the nation's feelings in any way. On the contrary, I have always noticed a totally calm and objective attitude toward the whole business for extravagant excitement is not a part of the national character. "So from my own experience I am inclined to consider the peace speeches that were made in House of Lords as a sign of this conscious power. The British people still feels itself strong enough for anything, and consequently is not afraid to have such speeches exploited as signs of weakness, especially when they are an expression of what all nations without exception want at the bottom of their breasts—peace."

ITALY TO ADD ONE
MILLION TO ARMY

2,000,000 Are Serving Now;
Forces Will Increase Stead-
ily; the Campaign

Rome, Dec. 30.—Italy has 2,000,000 men in the war and is preparing to add another million. About a million men are in the fighting line, stretched along the mountains from Trentino, in the west, to the Austrian stronghold of Gorizia, in the east. Another million is in reserve for emergencies and to fill gaps in the fighting line as needed or for operations in the Balkans. The third million is represented in the additional classes in process of being assembled, a work which will go on during the coming months. The main drive of the Italians has been in the eastern section toward Trieste, the great Austrian port on the Adriatic lying just across from Venice. The rich prize is hardly more than ten days' march from the Italian frontier. Also, there is a stretch of level country fifteen miles wide around the Upper Adriatic, making it easy marching from the frontier to Trieste. And yet the war has been going on for over seven months—since May 23—and the Italian army is nowhere near Trieste. The military leaders say Trieste could have been taken any time in fifteen days—but it could not be held, as the Carso Mountains sweep around back of Trieste, and from a circle fifteen miles back from the Adriatic, with Austrian batteries posted at every crest of this encircling range. The Italian commanders, therefore, decided that, instead of taking Trieste, it was a military necessity first to control all the approaches and mountain defenses sweeping around Trieste. The Attack on Gorizia. Most of the fighting in this region has been along the Isonzo river, with the Austrian town of Gorizia as the main point of attack. The Italian troops made rapid progress at first, sweeping through small towns. But as they moved up the Isonzo river toward Gorizia they found the Austrian batteries on the mountain tops. And then began the slow and tedious process of first gaining control of all the elevated positions which could serve the Austrians before pressing forward on Gorizia and Trieste. This required the movement of troops along mountain roads and the carrying of heavy guns to great heights by means of special machines very devised by an Italian automobile concern. The Italian commanders express satisfaction with the progress they have made in the last six months. All the fighting and all the progress has been on Austrian soil, and no Austrian troops have at any time entered Italy. The matter of ammunition has proved the same check to the Italians as it has to the other allies. Summing up what has been done in these two campaigns, and what it

BELIEVED VILLA HAD
PABLO STIENEZ KILLED

Was Dandy of Villa's Army and
One of Its Best
Leaders.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 30.—Pablo B. Stienetz, known as the dandy of the former Villa army and one of Villa's most dashing generals, has disappeared, and it is believed here by former associates of his that he has been executed by his chief for failure to join him in his disastrous Sonora campaign. Stienetz, according to reports, killed General Pablo Luna and two troopers in a street duel in Juarez two weeks ago, following a quarrel with Luna in a gambling hall in which the latter is said to have charged him with cowardice for failing to join Villa. The following day he is said to have shot and slightly wounded a woman habitue of the place. When four troops, acting under orders of General Obeso, commander of Juarez at that time, attempted to arrest him, Stienetz leaped upon his horse and escaped. Stienetz was one of the picturesque figures of the latest Mexican revolution. He did not wear the uniform of his fellow officers, but was garbed instead in a suit of leather embroidered with gold and silver trimmings.

NOT GERMANY'S AIMS, SAYS
NORTH GERMAN GAZETTE

Berlin, Dec. 30.—In an editorial discussing the article printed recently by the Neue Zuercher Zeitung, of Zurich, Switzerland, purporting to give the terms upon which Germany is ready to consider peace, the Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung says: "In the foreign press there is an observable inclination to use the article of the Neue Zuercher Zeitung as the ground for speculations over peace and war aims. In order to prevent in advance any misleading of German public opinion, we again point out that the article contains solely private reflections and therefore cannot serve as a starting point for an earnest discussion of the views of leading circles."

VON MACKENZEN WAS
IN SOFIA YESTERDAY

London, Dec. 30.—A semi-official telegram received in Amsterdam from Sofia states that Field-Marshal von Mackenzen, the German commander, arrived in Sofia yesterday, according to a dispatch to Reuters. After visiting the German and Austrian ministers to Bulgaria and King Ferdinand, Mackenzen returned to headquarters. It was reported on Dec. 28 in newspapers that Field-Marshal von Mackenzen was directing preparations for an expedition against Egypt. H. B. "Imperial" Lager Beer, pints, 5 for 25c.

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ITALY TO ADD ONE MILLION TO ARMY

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ily; the Campaign

Rome, Dec. 30.—Italy has 2,000,000 men in the war and is preparing to add another million. About a million men are in the fighting line, stretched along the mountains from Trentino, in the west, to the Austrian stronghold of Gorizia, in the east. Another million is in reserve for emergencies and to fill gaps in the fighting line as needed or for operations in the Balkans. The third million is represented in the additional classes in process of being assembled, a work which will go on during the coming months. The main drive of the Italians has been in the eastern section toward Trieste, the great Austrian port on the Adriatic lying just across from Venice. The rich prize is hardly more than ten days' march from the Italian frontier. Also, there is a stretch of level country fifteen miles wide around the Upper Adriatic, making it easy marching from the frontier to Trieste. And yet the war has been going on for over seven months—since May 23—and the Italian army is nowhere near Trieste. The military leaders say Trieste could have been taken any time in fifteen days—but it could not be held, as the Carso Mountains sweep around back of Trieste, and from a circle fifteen miles back from the Adriatic, with Austrian batteries posted at every crest of this encircling range. The Italian commanders, therefore, decided that, instead of taking Trieste, it was a military necessity first to control all the approaches and mountain defenses sweeping around Trieste. The Attack on Gorizia. Most of the fighting in this region has been along the Isonzo river, with the Austrian town of Gorizia as the main point of attack. The Italian troops made rapid progress at first, sweeping through small towns. But as they moved up the Isonzo river toward Gorizia they found the Austrian batteries on the mountain tops. And then began the slow and tedious process of first gaining control of all the elevated positions which could serve the Austrians before pressing forward on Gorizia and Trieste. This required the movement of troops along mountain roads and the carrying of heavy guns to great heights by means of special machines very devised by an Italian automobile concern. The Italian commanders express satisfaction with the progress they have made in the last six months. All the fighting and all the progress has been on Austrian soil, and no Austrian troops have at any time entered Italy. The matter of ammunition has proved the same check to the Italians as it has to the other allies. Summing up what has been done in these two campaigns, and what it

means in places captured, men engaged, casualties, prisoners, etc., the situation is about this:

Summary of Situation.

In the east the Italians have advanced about 20 to 25 miles on Austrian territory, or about half-way to Trieste, and have taken twelve or more rather important towns, notably Grado, Monfalcone, Gradisca, Cormon, San Pietro (flanking Gorizia), PIANO, Caporetto, Monte Nero, and Plezzo, far up on the Isonzo; besides many lesser places. In the west the Italians have advanced about 20 miles on Austrian soil and have taken the main town of Rovereto, half-way to Trent, and numerous lesser towns and strategic points. In all these operations the Austrians really have not been making a fight, as they have been too busy in Russia and the Balkans, and the Italians have been on the offensive, with the Austrians on the defensive.

Naval Side of the Campaign.

The naval side of the war has had few notable developments thus far. The Duke of Abruzzi, commanding the Italian fleet, took the Austrian ports of Grado and Porto Tuzo, at the head of the Adriatic, but an attack on the great port of Trieste has not been attempted.

Further south the coast of the Adriatic does not offer much prospect for Italian naval strategy. Abruzzi's total naval effective force is about 110 ships, including four dreadnoughts. The Austrian effective is not much short of this, and it has the advantage of natural coast defenses, and the shelter of heavy coast fortifications. But at no time have the two fleets come to grips.

ITALIANS DISPERSED TROOPS AND CONVOYS

Rome, Dec. 30.—The following official communication was issued last night: "In the Giudicaria valley our artillery continued its bombardment of Fort Per, and also fired on the village of Per, where movements of troops and convoys were reported. The troops and convoys were dispersed."

"The activities of small detachments made some progress for us in the region around the confluence of the Leno di Vallara, torrent, and on the Adige. In the valley of the Sugana the enemy's artillery lightly shelled Borgo, Castelnuovo and Arco, but without damage. "On the heights west of Gorizia and on the Carso plateau, the enemy vainly tried by bombing operations to disturb our work of strengthening our lines, which is being actively pursued."

Vienna, Dec. 30.—The following official statement was issued last night: "The Italian artillery has displayed activity on the south and southeast Tyrol front. Attacks on Monte Bardone, in the region of the Col di Lana, were repulsed. There have been artillery, hand grenade and mining duels on this front."

French Socialists Say

THE WAR MUST GO ON

Paris, Dec. 30.—The national congress of the Socialist party, which has ended its sessions here, voted a resolution affirming that the Socialists would continue to support a vigorous continuation of the war until French territory has been freed, Belgium and Serbia raised from ruin, Alsace and Lorraine restored to France and a durable peace assured.

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MUNITIONS FROM STATES FOR RUSSIAN FORCES

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Contracts calling for the delivery of millions of dollars' worth of munitions are to be awarded shortly in this country by the Russian government and a good share of the war orders probably will be placed in California and elsewhere on the Pacific coast.

Within the last few days a large number of Russian buyers, some representing the government and others representing munitions factories, have arrived in San Francisco. The steamship Tenyo Maru brought 35 Russians in charge of Captain Maclachlan de Sobonsky, of the Imperial engineer corps. They are to visit large American munitions plants on the Atlantic coast and to study American methods of production with a view to establishing similar plants in Russia.

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REFORM SOCIALISTS DID NOT VOTE ON CREDITS

How Parties in Bulgarian Parliament Acted When Finances Were Being Discussed.

London, Dec. 29.—The Bulgarian parliament at Wednesday's session discussed a war credit of 20,000,000 francs (\$300,000,000) and a second credit of 30,000,000 francs (\$450,000,000) which has been proposed for the relief of families of needy soldiers according to the Sofia correspondent of Reuters.

The correspondent continues: "The doctrinaire Socialists expressed pacifist sentiments and opposition to all war, but consented to vote for the credit, while the reform Socialists said they would refrain from voting. The Radicals favored the credits. All the other parties enthusiastically pledged their support, declaring that the terms of peace will correspond in every respect to Bulgaria's sacrifices."

MANCHESTER GUARDIAN ON COMPULSORY SERVICE

London, Dec. 29.—Although other Liberal organs seem to be resigned to the idea of compulsory military service, the Manchester Guardian, which is the most important provincial newspaper, declares:

"Nothing can be more unsatisfactory—or, we will say, irrational—than the way in which the government appears to be drifting into reversal of one of the greatest of our national traditions and dividing the nation, hitherto so splendidly united."

"The Guardian accuses the conservative party of seizing the opportunity presented by the war to give effect to a pre-conceived policy without relation to the actual needs of the war. It continues:

"They desire to militarize us as Germany has been militarized."

RETURNED SOLDIER WAS WELCOMED IN COURTENAY

Courtenay, Dec. 29.—The mayor and mayoreess of Courtenay entertained about 300 guests at the opera house, the occasion being the welcoming home of Private Hyde-Perth, who was the guest of honor. After cards, a concert was given, and some fancy dancing by Miss Sackville and little Miss Amy Kilpatrick was much applauded. The Rev. Laycock, of St. John's, and the Rev. Menzies, of the Presbyterian church, gave stirring speeches, urging all those who were able and had not already done so to enlist at once in the 12th regiment, now stationed at Comox. W. G. Robertson occupied the chair, and Mrs. Kilpatrick, wife of the mayor, presided at the piano. After the concert refreshments were served and dancing was indulged in to a late hour.

ENGINEER KILLED IN WRECK NEAR MOOSE JAW

Moose Jaw, Sask., Dec. 29.—A rear-end collision of a through freight with a way freight on the Outlook branch of the C. P. R. occurred about 8 o'clock this morning at a point eight miles north of Moose Jaw. Engineer Platt, of the through freight, was killed and his front end badly injured. It is thought a stockman in the caboose of the way freight was killed when the through freight ran into the caboose.

According to the facts received so far, the way freight engine ran out of water when it came south of Belbeck and the engine came into Moose Jaw for water. While the engine was away the second freight, also southbound, came along and plunged into the rear of the stationary freight.

HOSPITAL TRAINS FROM HOLLAND FOR TEUTONS

Berlin, Dec. 29.—The first of the hospital trains, purchased for the wounded soldiers by popular subscription in Holland, arrived in Berlin to-day. On reaching this city the Dutch delegates on the train were received by a representative of the emperor, many prominent physicians and Red Cross workers and a large number of other persons.

TEMPERATURE 26 IN SEATTLE LAST NIGHT

Seattle, Dec. 29.—On the northwest coast the pressure is decreasing, indicating rain or snow to-night and Friday, and warmer weather. With gentle temperate southeast winds. The lowest temperature in Seattle and Tacoma last night was 26 degrees, and a minimum temperature of 28 is forecasted for to-night.

INHALED SMOKE; DEAD.

Clinton, Ia., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Jane Ebner, a widow, is dead as the result of inhaling smoke during a fire which partially destroyed her home last night. Coroner Kellogg declared to-day he believed the fire was caused by the overturning of a lamp by Mrs. Ebner's sole companion, a pet cat.

COLD AT WALLA WALLA.

Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 29.—With the mercury at 12 above zero early this morning, Walla Walla is experiencing the coldest weather of the season. Yesterday a biting north wind was recorded, an unusual event in a Walla Walla winter. Little damage will result from the cold as there is a covering of snow over growing grain.

HUNGARIANS QUARREL WITH THE AUSTRIANS

Even Semblance of Unity Has Disappeared; Says Budapest Correspondent

London, Dec. 29.—The Budapest correspondent of the Post, in a letter published to-day, states that the old enmity between Austria and Hungary has burst into a fresh flame, and that even the pretense of unity which existed has disappeared since the time when the Austrians offended the Hungarians by removing the Hungarian flag at a fortress at Belgrade.

The seriousness of the present quarrel is instanced by the parliamentary activities of the independence party, which, despite the entreaties of the premier, have been airing the Hungarian grievances.

Herr Urmanczy, a leader of the independence party, in a recent fiery speech, declared that the advantages gained in the war were largely due to German generalship and Hungarian bravery, and added that Austrian generalship and martial spirit had had nothing to do with them. If everyone had done the same amount of work and shown the same heroism and sacrifice as the Hungarians, they would be enjoying peace by this time, Urmanczy said.

Although the Hungarians had won the praise of their arch-enemies, the Italians, he said, the Austrians had shown no appreciation and they had to face continually the brutal behavior of the Austrian officers.

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—The following casualty list was issued last night:

Third Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. F. H. Lippman, England; Pte. Frank Greenham, England.

Fourth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. John Hart, England.

Died of wounds: Pte. G. M. Simpson, Scotland.

Fifth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. Geo. Brown, Scotland.

Seventh Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. C. S. Wiggett, England; Pte. Wm. Tait, Scotland; Pte. Frank Ward, England.

Wounded, but on duty: Lieut. W. A. Casey, England.

Eighth Battalion—Previously reported killed in action; now missing: Pte. Wm. Meddings, England.

Thirteenth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. R. A. Tait, Amherst, N. S.

Drowned: Cpl. H. M. Davidson, Montreal.

Sixteenth Battalion—Previously reported missing; now killed in action: Pte. J. K. Ritchie, Scotland.

Eighteenth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. D. H. Ross, Toledo, Ohio.

Nineteenth Battalion—Died of wounds: Pte. A. E. Parker, Montreal.

Twentieth Battalion—Died: Cpl. Wm. Stewart, Scotland.

Dangerously wounded: Pte. R. H. McJarrow, Scotland.

Wounded: Lieut. W. H. Foster, Toronto; Pte. L. Phoenix, Toronto.

Twenty-fourth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. L. W. Coulthard, Montreal; Cpl. W. L. Yeland, Quebec.

Died of wounds: Pte. Jos. Gagnon, Duluth, Minn.

Suffering from concussion: Pte. Samuel Sheriff, Montreal.

Twenty-fifth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Geo. Brown, Florence, N. S.

Suffering from concussion—Pte. E. Davies, Westville, N. S.

Wounded, but on duty: Pte. J. T. Francis, Halifax.

Twenty-sixth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. W. A. Martin, Galt, Ont.

Wounded: Pte. R. A. Murphy, Bass River, N. B.; Pte. H. I. Ibertin, Bathurst, N. B.; Pte. H. A. Adams, South Africa; Pte. L. McQueen, St. John, N. B.

Twenty-seventh Battalion—Wounded: Pte. O. Ennis, Arr. Ont.; Pte. Wm. C. McCutcheon, Ireland.

Accidentally wounded: Lieut. S. Wilson, England.

Twenty-eighth Battalion—Wounded, but on duty: Lieut. G. D. Murphy, Moosemin, Sask.

Twenty-ninth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. T. McCormack, Vancouver.

Wounded: Ete. P. H. Rumley, Guysboro, N. S.; Pte. A. A. Hyde, New Zealand.

Thirty-sixth Battalion—Died: Pte. A. Huttie, Jamestown, N. Y.

Thirty-ninth Battalion—Seriously ill: Pte. D. A. Warner, Wales, Ont.

Forty-ninth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. W. F. Fraser, Scotland.

Wounded: Pte. Archie Ferguson, Deville, Alta.

Princess Patricia's—Previously reported missing, now killed in action: Pte. Wm. Stewart, Scotland.

Royal Canadian Regiment—Died: Pte. E. Hiccock, Manitoba, Nfld.

Third Canadian Mounted Rifles—Reported wounded; now officially reported rejoined unit: Pte. R. H. Fitzgerald, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

NORWEGIAN SHIP STRUCK A MINE AND WENT DOWN

Christiania, Dec. 29.—The Norwegian steamship Riga, with a cargo of oil cake, struck a mine and sank. The crew was rescued.

AUSTRIA'S FORCES DECREASING.

Zurich, Dec. 29.—It is reported here that Austria-Hungary is mobilizing the eligibles employed in military establishments and that women are replacing the men.

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LANSING'S SUGGESTION TO LATIN-AMERICANS

Proposes Plan for Maintenance of Peace on American Continents

Washington, Dec. 29.—Secretary Lansing has suggested to all the nations which with the United States comprise the Pan-American Union, that they join in a convention for the arbitration of all boundary line disputes and for the prohibition of shipments of war munitions to revolutionaries.

Secretary Lansing's proposal, which has the full support of President Wilson, is being forwarded by the Latin-American ambassadors and ministers here to their foreign offices for consideration. It is regarded as one of the steps in a wide plan in which the Pan-American scientific congress, now in session here, is a part for the preservation of peace on the western hemisphere and a closer union of all the Americans.

The status of the negotiations and the details of Secretary Lansing's proposal are so far being held as confidential between the state department and the Latin-American chancelleries here.

Mr. Lansing to-day declined entirely to discuss it in any phase, and the diplomats uniformly declared they could not discuss a matter which was in its preliminary stage and under consideration by their foreign offices.

It became known, however, that soon after Secretary Lansing had delivered his Pan-American union speech before the scientific congress, in which he advocated a Pan-American "one for all and all for one," he began inviting the Latin-American representatives to the state department two at a time and outlining to them his proposal. At the same time, it is understood, the secretary's public declaration, which suggested that all the Pan-Americans should, if necessary, constitute a united bulwark against any unjust invasion or aggression upon a neighbor, was discussed in some detail. It is understood the Latin-Americans uniformly expressed their approval of Mr. Lansing's statements.

The technical form in which the new proposal was made was not disclosed to-day, but there are indications that it took the usual form of a memorandum to the diplomats and was in such official form as could be transmitted to their home governments as a basis for action.

One of the first elements of the proposal, which has for one of its ultimate objects the well-being of a thoroughly united America, is the preservation of peace on the American continents.

It is realized that the chief menace to such a peace are boundary disputes and revolutionary activities. It is pointed out that if all boundary disputes are removed to the realm of arbitration and all the Pan-American nations bind themselves to prohibit absolutely shipments of war munitions to any other than established governments, peace among the nations themselves would practically be assured and the attention of all the American nations could be devoted to what Secretary Lansing expressed in his speech as working out their destinies.

GERMAN DETACHMENT FLED BEFORE BAYONET

Petrograd, Dec. 29.—The following official communication was issued last night: "The 1st detachment of the 1st division of the 1st Russian army, which was engaged in the battle of Riga, fled before the bayonet attack of an enemy detachment with the bayonet. The Germans fled, leaving many killed and wounded. On the rest of the front, as far as in the Pripiet region, there have been artillery duels. There have been fusillades in places south of the Pripiet, and in Galicia there have been epunctures."

"There is no change on the Caucasian front."

Vienna, Dec. 29.—The following official communication was issued last night:

"On the Bessarabian front there have been renewed local enemy attacks, which failed, with great losses to the Russians."

"East of Bessarabia a reconnoitring force retired in our chief division before superior Russian forces."

BRITISH TOOK RUBBER OFF STEAMSHIP OSCAR II.

London, Dec. 29.—An official statement issued last night said: "It has been ascertained that 45 bags of rubber, all consigned to a well-known enemy forwarding agent in Sweden, were taken from the parcel mail on the steamship Oscar II. The estimated weight of the rubber seized is about 4,000 pounds."

The remainder of the mail, which consisted of 734 bags, was handed over to the post office for immediate transmission to its destination."

The Oscar II. is the vessel which carried the Henry Ford peace party to Europe. On the voyage, she was taken into Kirkwall by a British warship and her cargo examined. There were reports at the time that part of her cargo was contraband and that a prize court would take the matter under consideration."

SWINDLED OUT OF \$20,000.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Wire tappers alleged to be operating in a suburb of Chicago swindled Vincent Baer, a wealthy stockman of Midland, Tex., out of \$20,000 on a fake horse race scheme, according to reports to the police to-day.

The swindlers, it was said, met Baer in Kansas City, where some wagers were made on races, and later their acquaintance was renewed in Cincinnati. The men who got his money, Baer charges, are Edward A. Alexander and Charles C. Miller.

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NEW HAVEN CASE.

New York, Dec. 29.—The defence rested its case to-day at the trial of William Rockefeller and ten other former directors of the New Haven road, charged with conspiracy under the Sherman anti-trust law to monopolize the railroad traffic of New England. The trial has been in progress since October 12.

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WHAT ARE THE FACTS?

The Times is informed that the plumbing contract in connection with the renovation of the former naval hospital, now used as a military convalescent home, was awarded to a Vancouver firm without an open invitation for tenders. The hospital, as now operated, is not distinctively a Victoria institution, being intended for the whole military district, and of course we cannot expect that tenders for supplies should be invited from this city alone. But our information is that there was no open tendering at all; that in regard to the plumbing contract several well-known Victoria firms did not have an opportunity to try for the work. Is this true? If not, under what circumstances was the contract awarded? How were the other contracts awarded?

Hospitals for the accommodation of convalescent soldiers returned from the front are under the direction of a commission appointed by the Dominion government. That commission is supposed to be non-partisan and to conduct its business without regard to political or private advantage. The government patronage list is supposed to have no status in any detail. If that principle be adhered to, it is clear that all supplies and work done in connection with the hospitals must be contracted for on the basis of open tenders. If the information furnished to us in regard to this one contract be correct, the principle was ignored here. Full details should be forthcoming from those responsible for the renovation and direction of the institution. The matter is one that may have to be inquired into by parliament.

DODGING THE BLOCKADE.

A Washington dispatch says the state department, at the request of certain philanthropic people, has instructed the American ambassadors at London and Paris to inquire if the British and French governments will permit shipments of condensed milk to Germany and Austria for distribution to infants under the direction of the American Red Cross. On the surface this would seem to be harmless request, prompted by humanitarian motives, and no doubt Mr. Lansing so regards it. As a matter of fact it is not unlikely a new move by the Teutons to overcome the value to the allies of their superior seapower. If Britain and France returned a favorable reply to the request it is morally certain that they would be asked to permit other articles of food to be sent to Germany for the hungry children. Then the precedent established, they would be expected to permit commodities to be sent to the indigent aged and so forth until the blockade would become a farce.

The food question is Germany's most disturbing preoccupation just now. It is always the most disturbing question in a besieged community. It became a vital factor in Paris in 1870 when forty thousand, including women and children, starved to death. Did the tender-hearted Prussians allow food to be sent to the famished French infants? Not an ounce. And to-day if they had the upper hand at sea they would not permit a solitary bushel of wheat to enter the British Isles. Infants were murdered by German shells on the east coast of England last December; helpless women and children were murdered on the Lusitania; thousands of infants have perished in France, Belgium and Poland, and are perishing to-day in Serbia, through the remorseless savagery of those who precipitated this terrible conflict.

But what the Germans have done or would have done should not determine the course of the allies. Military considerations alone are sufficient. Germany as a state organized for war and struck for world dominion. Her methods have stamped her as an enemy of civilization, an outlaw that must be put down at all costs. This

cannot be accomplished unless the allies maintain with ever-tightening tension the state of siege their naval superiority and their ring of armies enabled them to impose upon her. Every concession from that position increases the resisting power of the central empires, prolongs the agony of Belgium, France, Poland and Serbia, encourages the continuation of the heinous atrocities in Armenia and makes for an inconclusive peace and more horrible wars. The German people, who have cheered the ferocious crimes of their army and navy, and who have been taught to regard militarism as their greatest virtue, must be shown exactly what it is. They must realize it as the countries they are torturing realize it. They must plumb its miseries and desolation. Until they do they will persist in their devastating delusion and the future of the world will continue to be insecure. The pressure of the siege must be maintained unrelaxed until they purge themselves of the mania which has made their empire the nightmare of the world. How long that will be it is impossible to say, but it is the only means through which the reign of Prussianism can be ended.

GRAIN SHIPMENTS.

The Manitoba Free Press says: Canada is rapidly awakening to the fact that she has no adequate means of shipment for her grain during the winter. The statement of Mr. Hurry, vice-president of the C. P. R., that the movement of grain all rail in the next four months is entirely dependent on the supply of ships to relieve the ports of West St. John, Halifax, Portland and Boston, is to give the West "furious to think."

The Free Press then explains the difficulty. It shows that the maximum amount of grain that can be handled through the harbors of West St. John and Halifax is 21,250,000 bushels, contingent upon a sufficient supply of ships. It estimates the amount of wheat to be exported from Canada at 75,000,000 bushels, besides an enormous quantity of oats. The outlook by way of Boston and Portland is not very encouraging. These ports will be busy attending to the enormous shipments of flour which have been contracted for. New York is so greatly congested that Canadian railway will hardly take the risk of letting their cars go there. Moralizing on this, the Free Press points out that the development of Canada's winter harbors has not kept pace at all with her production in the west and her power to ship to the seaboard. It claims that with adequate shipping facilities by sea 700 cars could be carried from the west every day from December until the end of April, or 100,000,000 bushels of wheat instead of 21,000,000 bushels.

What about the Pacific coast ports? They have not the facilities at present for handling any large quantity of grain, but if the Free Press estimate of the situation is correct the development of these ports as outlets, particularly during the winter, is imperatively necessary. The spectacle of Canadian wheat, held for export, jamming the elevators and every other kind of storage, permanent and improvised, owing to the inadequacy of facilities on the Atlantic coast, while only a few miles away from the principal area of production are outlets with every natural advantage, is almost tragic.

WHY "TEMPORARY" WORKS?

Six years ago the people of British Columbia ratified an agreement between the government of the province and the Canadian Northern railway relative to the extension of the company's system to the Pacific. By virtue of that agreement, subsequently embodied in the law of the land, the province assumed an enormous contingent liability which, with additional aid granted from time to time, amounted to a principal charge of \$45,000,000, with interest in excess of \$2,000,000 a year. The company undertook to complete and operate certain works within four years, or by the summer of 1914. Among those works were ferry connection between Vancouver Island and the Mainland, railway extensions on the island and terminals at or near Victoria.

Although the time limit stipulated in the agreement expired a year and a half ago, the works on this island have not been completed and are not near completion. Nor is it intended to complete them according to contract for years to come. "Temporary" arrangements in several important particulars affecting this city are to be made instead. The bridge across Selkirk water is to be a temporary structure; the company's terminals on the reserve are also to be temporary. Why should the company be permitted to substitute makeshifts for the permanent works guaranteed in the contract? It has had six years to make all preparations; it is part of a transcontinental railway system which has been subsidized in one form or another by the people of Canada for more than \$300,000,000. It has been treated by the people of British Columbia with an indulgence and generosity beyond all parallel. We have even undertaken to pay, in the form of a loan, the interest on the

bonds guaranteed for a period of three years after the line has commenced operation, which, as already stated, will amount to \$2,000,000 a year. About a million and a half will have to be paid next year and we may be sure that if at any time beyond these three years Mackenzie and Mann do not meet their annual interest obligations the people of British Columbia will not be permitted to make any "temporary" arrangements whereby they will escape the necessity of paying.

Three years ago on Christmas Day the Colonist announced the plans for the reserves on the terminals and the entrance of the road into this city. We were assured then that the work would be started at once and "pushed to completion"—familiar phrase. Nothing was said about "temporary" facilities. There is a very important issue involved in this matter. Unless Vancouver Island insists upon the fulfilment of the terms of the contract by the company we may find ourselves paying through the nose for something that was promised to us but which we did not receive. We believe the prevailing sentiment in this city is uncompromisingly behind us in this respect. How could it be otherwise in the face of the agreement between the company and the people of British Columbia as it stands on the statute book?

Says the Colonist: "Mr. Bowser did not say that he had not made up his mind whether or not there would be a general election before the House meets. What Mr. Bowser said was that the subject had not been considered by the cabinet." Well, where's the difference? Does our contemporary expect anybody to believe that the Bowser mind and the mind of the cabinet are two different things? They are one and the same. If Mr. Bowser decides upon bye-elections the cabinet will decide likewise. If he decides upon a general election instead so will the cabinet decide. We feel constrained to advise our contemporary in its own interests that it is very unwise in suggesting that Mr. Bowser is not running the whole show. He might not like it.

Nobody is surprised at the anger of the local Mackenzie & Mann organ over our objection to the substitution of temporary works by the Canadian Northern railway for the permanent works specified in the contract ratified six years ago and for which we may have to pay heavily. Our morning contemporary often has scolded us for even insisting that the company should make a commencement with the fulfilment of the assurances given in its own columns three years ago. In its eyes anything Mackenzie & Mann may or may not do is quite right. It even defended the award of the ferry contract to a Quebec firm without inquiring whether British Columbia shipbuilding companies could do the work.

Hon. C. E. Tisdall announces that he is about to make an extensive tour of the province for the purpose of ascertaining its requirements. The usual and recognized procedure is for a newly-appointed cabinet minister to secure endorsement from his constituents immediately upon accepting a position of enrolment under the Crown. Mr. Tisdall is commencing his official career by committing an irregularity, but we have become accustomed to that sort of thing under the form of government we have "enjoyed" in this province. The procedure indicates that Mr. Bowser has not made up his mind whether to risk bye-elections or to venture all in a general election.

The ever-veracious Sayville wireless system, whose mission is to disseminate balm for the souls of Germans in the United States, announces that there has been a mutiny among British forces at the Dardanelles and that

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several officers have been shot. Merely a frill to the Turkish story that the British forces were "driven into the sea" and that tremendous quantities of guns and supplies had been captured.

German newspapers still maintain for the enlightenment of their readers that von Tirpitz's grand fleet exercises domination over the seas. But they are careful not to whisper the fact that von Papen and Boy-Ed are only permitted to reach their fatherland through the courtesy of the British government, extended on requisition of the United States authorities.

STILL BENT ON THE GREAT TASK.

New York Post.
All told, the political excitement in Britain are superficial—not to say a trifle artificial. They do not go to the heart of the British attitude or the British purpose. The members of the government know that the reproaches now heaped upon them are only of the sort that were showered upon the Aberdeen ministry in the '90s, upon Gladstone at the time of the Sudan campaign, and upon Salisbury and Chamberlain in the first months of the Boer war. These things will pass, and so long as the strength and will of the British people continue bent to the great task laid upon them by the war, cannot materially affect the long result.

"PRACTICAL" POLITICS.

Ottawa Citizen.
There would seem to be a growing lack of confidence between the Canadian public and its representative statesmen; an odor of suspicion, no longer confined to the provincial arena of Manitoba, has permeated public life from Victoria to Halifax. Surely the most patronage and political contracting methods of Hon. Robert Rogers could not be improved upon? The superintendent of dredging on the Pacific Coast, Mr. J. L. Nelson, is an old associate of the minister's. When Hon. Mr. Rogers adorned the cabinet, and he bought telephone poles for the province, and Mr. Nelson, as a Manitoba contractor, sold them to him; lots and lots of them. Formerly Mr. Nelson had been a policeman in Winnipeg. What more fitting, when Hon. Mr. Rogers took hold of the Dominion department of public works, than that he should appoint Mr. Nelson as superintendent of dredging?

It is true the honorable minister had to dislodge a qualified dredge engineer before he could appoint the ex-policeman and telephone pole contractor from Winnipeg as superintendent of dredging. The qualified engineer, Mr. H. A. Bayfield, born a name distinguished in Canadian history. He possessed ability, integrity, and fit-top experience. He had a high reputation as a mechanical engineer in private service, and had made a name for himself in the public service; being conscientious and politically independent.

But of course such qualifications could not be expected to count much, against the claims of political patronage and dredging contracts. So the minister of public works, Hon. Mr. Rogers, had to dispense with the services of Engineer Bayfield as superintendent of the coast dredging fleet, and to appoint the ex-policeman and old associate from Winnipeg as more suitable for this government's ideas of public service administration. Surveying the dredging contract situation, and the promise of further developments in the near future, how thoroughly satisfied the honorable Mr. Rogers must have felt, upon making the recent inspiring and patriotic tour to the west!

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Hard Mixed, a lb. 20c
Cream 25c
Chocolate 30c
Preserved Figs 40c
Marzipan Vegetables, 3 for 5c
Marzipan Cherries, a bunch, 5c
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Cadbury's, a box, 10c to \$1.25
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Agnes Deane Cameron Chapter.—The meeting of the Agnes Deane Cameron chapter of the I. O. O. E. has been postponed from January 3 to January 19.

Christmas Tree at Esquimalt.—Monday evening last was the occasion of a delightful entertainment at the Masonic hall, Esquimalt, when a Christmas tree was given to the children of the employees of the naval dockyard. Although the weather was disappointing, it did not prevent the children and their parents coming to share in the fun and pleasure such an occasion always affords. The hall was prettily decorated with bunting, while the Christmas tree was a work of art and reflected great credit on those responsible for it, the part of Santa Claus being very ably performed by one of the dockyard staff. After the presents were distributed refreshments were partaken of and the following programme rendered: Pianoforte solo, Mr. Pinn; action song, Miss Smallwood; song, Mr. Levin; duet, Messrs. Panthorpe and McMaster; original recitation, Mr. Brown; song, Mr. Wise; flute solo, Mr. Pinn; song, Mr. Craven; song, Mr. Moir; flageolet solo, Mr. Panthorpe; recitation, Mr. Brown; song, Mr. Wise; song, Mr. Dunn; song, Mr. Moir; song, Mr. Panthorpe. The following gentlemen kindly acted on the committee: Messrs. Fairclay, Cartwright, Stewart, Simpson, Sturrock, Fulton, Robertson and Mitchell, and to them and the ladies, who contributed in no small measure to the success of the evening, Mr. Mouson in a few well chosen words tendered the thanks of those present. Mrs. Moir and Messrs. Panthorpe and Pinn kindly acted as accompanists during the evening, and a most enjoyable entertainment was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, December 30, 1890.

A meeting of the council of the University of British Columbia will be convened in this city on Jan. 5, to take up the consideration of the bill, which has been printed.

The people of Gordon Head are now taking steps through their representative to secure school accommodation for their children who now have to walk to Cedar Hill school. A petition has been lodged with Supt. Pops.

A conference between the city council and board of trade has been called for this afternoon. It is proposed to have a subscription started for a book, advertising the city and district, to which the city council would be asked to pay half the cost.

It is reported that an American barque has been lost on the west coast. No details are yet to hand.

I FORGOT

This is the day when the mental check up brings home the fact that:

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Chinese is Injured—Pong, a Chinese, while attempting to escape from the police in a Riggard Street raid, fell through a window to the ground, a distance of fifteen feet, and broke his leg. He was taken to the Jubilee hospital.

Home Products.—The industrial committee of the Victoria and Island Development association will meet next week to discuss the proposed home products week for the exhibition of Victoria-made goods. The committee began work on the show a few weeks ago and are seeking a suitable place in which to hold the show.

Advertise City.—Two thousand posters advertising Victoria were sent away last night by the development association to traffic agents in the prairie provinces and more easterly central points. In response to many advertisements placed in eastern newspapers the commission is receiving a large number of inquiries every week regarding this city and its holiday opportunities.

The New Age.—Dr. T. W. Butler will speak at the Progress Temple, Pandora avenue, on Sunday, at 11 a. m., on "Continuous Advancement." In the evening at 7.30 he will give the first talk in a series on what New Thought is. His subject will be "The Coming of the New Age." The public are invited.

Fifth Regiment Band.—The Fifth Regiment band will have their usual Sunday evening concert this week, and among the band members will be the overture to "Bridal Rose," selections: Reminiscences of Scotland, "The Beggar Student," and a descriptive pastoral, "The Chapel." Corporal Willis will render a clarinet solo, Air Valse from William Tell.

Sunday School Entertainment.—The annual Christmas Sunday school entertainment of the First Congregational church was held last evening. After the supper, which was held about 6 o'clock, games were played and a short concert programme given by the scholars. The feature of the evening was a basketball game on the new floor of the gymnasium.

Cymrodorion Society.—The members and friends of the Cymrodorion society of Victoria held a musical social in the board room, Belmont block, on Tuesday evening. D. O. Lewis presided and was supported by Mrs. Margaret Jenkins and Lewis Evans. The musical programme was arranged by Miss Clarissa Davies, A.L.C.M. Miss F. Coupland's piano solos were much appreciated. Mrs. McLaren and Mrs. Catton, and E. Butterworth, J. M. Thomas and Roberts Thomas assisted with solos and recitations. Mrs. Jenkins delivered a short address. An enjoyable evening was closed by the singing of the Welsh and National Anthems.

NO RECEPTION.

Lieut.-Commander Jones and officers of H. M. C. S. Shearwater, submarine depot, will not receive on New Year's Day.

CINDERELLA BALL

ATTRACTS CHILDREN

Scores of Picturesque Costumes Seen at Daughters of Pity Function

Holiday time always helps a great deal to make of the Daughters of Pity Cinderella ball a function that the children enjoy to the full. Yesterday's was no exception, and between the hours of 4 and 8 p. m. the ballroom at the Alexandra club presented a pretty picture indeed. Butterflies and fairies pursued each other through a maze of pretty flowers, and Prince Charming, Priscilla, Cadet, baseball players, water nymphs, pretty French maids, and scores of other familiar characters of history and nursery rhyme, passed and repassed in bewildering confusion, like jumbled leaves from a child's book.

The ballroom was decorated in keeping with the season, holly and fir being effectively combined in the design. The Daughters of Pity and their many friends had provided an abundance of cakes and sandwiches and jellies for the delicious tea that was served at 6 o'clock. Mrs. L. Macrae having charge of this feature of the arrangements.

The little guests were all promptly on time, and there were over 150 costumed figures in the grand march which was led off shortly after 5.30 o'clock, terminating in the supper-room. Miss Thain's orchestra supplied the music, and from the tiny cupid up to King Charles the First dance programmes were carried even when the owners were still too small to be able to write their names. Mrs. George Simpson and Miss Kathleen Roberts arranged the long procession, which wove a maze of intricate figures up and down the ballroom with practically no hitch whatever under the capable direction of these two ladies.

One of the very pretty features of the afternoon was an improvised gavotte danced by eight children trained by Mrs. Sheridan Bickers. The figures were difficult, but danced throughout with rare grace by the small tertioreas, who later, in the midst of the other dances, gave a very pretty exhibition of the hesitation waltz.

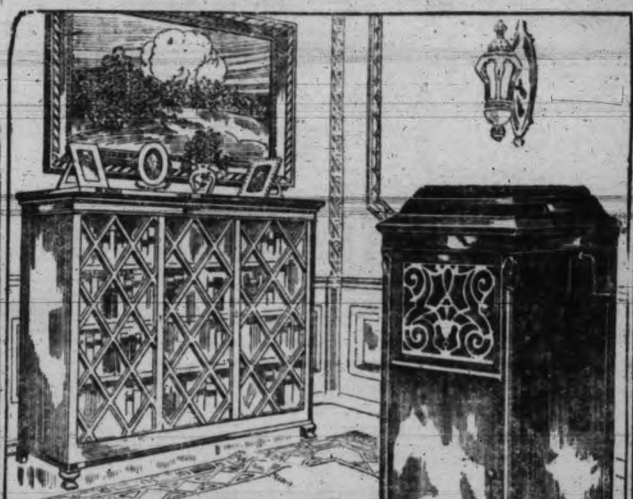
The picturesque scene was temporarily removed from the ballroom to the supper-room for half an hour around 6 o'clock. Then two by two back they came to dance once more: Miss Hilda Langton, Dolly Vardon; Master Julian Mankus, baseball player; Miss Rita Maclellan, Cinderella; Miss Sylvia Appleby, empire period dress; Miss Elsie Maclellan, water nymph; Miss Kathleen Watt, Red Wing; Miss Marjorie Litter, Spanish dancer; Miss Florence Ruch, fairy; Master John Davidson, King Charles I.; Miss Helen MacDonald, rose; Master Gerald Service, cadet; Miss Sheila Bickers, fairy; Miss Vivian Charlton, knight; Master Elsie Wilson, one of the princes from the tower; Master Roger Wilson, cupid; Miss Marjorie Judd, early Victorian; Miss Lorraine Wootton, country lass; Miss Lulu Wootton, country boy; Miss Jessie Wootton, Mrs. FitzAdam; Mrs. Service, Red Wing; Master Dick Neish, cadet; Miss Marjorie Neish, Cherry Ripe; Miss Lora Lewin, fairy; Master Garry Harris, Wee Macgregor; Miss Marguerite Bryant, Priscilla; Miss Geraldine Bryant, Prudence; Miss Winnie Findlay, Miss Madge Corrance, Miss Daisy Corrance, Miss Hilda Bryant, Brown-eyed Susan; Miss Cecilia Sylvester, Miss Vivian Comb, lavender; Miss Adele Comb, bridesmaid; Miss Ivy Findlay, chrysanthemum; Miss Laverne Garvin, fairy; Miss Florence Stevens, fairy; Miss Quennie Ball, early Victorian; Master Cowper Newberry, butterfly; Miss Jean Cottor, Miss Myriel Cox, French bonne; Miss Jean Harvey, plerette; Miss Maud Worthington, Miss Muffet; Master Henry Worthington, Lord Fauntleroy.

Master Selwyn Davis, pierrot; Master Dan Lee, scout; Miss Frances Kerr, Fairy Queen; Master Percy Shepherd, cavalier; Pop Shepherd, fairy; Miss Monica Davis, gypsy; Miss Marjorie Spencer, innocence; Miss Janet Lang, yule; Miss Dora Gibson, fairy; Miss Athalia Gibson, Miss Peggy Hodgins, French laundrymaid; Miss Nan Fenwick, Miss Laura Macklen, Miss Millicent Umbach, fairy.

About 8 o'clock all the gay little folk came to a standstill in the ballroom while the National Anthem was being played, and a few minutes later they were wrapped in their outdoor things once again and on their way home at the end of the long happy afternoon.

The committee in charge of the affair was composed of the following members of the Daughters of Pity: Miss Little, president; Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Miss Hisecks, Miss Bannerman, Miss Sylvester, Miss Eleanor Taylor, Miss Coombs, Miss Crawford, Miss Kenny and Miss Helen Gonnason.

Both in the ballroom and in the supper-room the decorations remained over until the evening dance for the adults. This was attended by about two hundred people, a few of whom were in fancy dress. Miss Thain also supplied the music for this part of the proceedings, and Mr. Campbell had charge of the catering. In the supper-room crimson streamers were intertwined with the evergreens on the tables, and both there and in the ballroom was to be seen the Red Cross which is the emblem of the Daughters of Pity. Each member of the order wore the same badge on the arm. Until 2 o'clock this morning the proceedings were kept up when the strains of the National Anthem.



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them once more was the signal for all to disperse.

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Frost Last Night.—Five degrees of frost were recorded on the ordinary thermometer at the observatory on Gonzales Heights last night, and the ground thermometer registered 18 above zero or 14 degrees of frost. The cold snap is general along the Pacific Coast, and a marked drop in temperature is reported from Portland, where 4 degrees of frost were experienced; in San Francisco, where a temperature of 36 is recorded; and at Eureka, California, where the thermometer showed 2 degrees below freezing. On the lower mainland last night the temperature fell to 22 degrees above zero; and in the interior quite a sharp change has taken place, Kamloops recording 2 below zero, and Barkerville the same. Along the northern coast, on the contrary, there is a rise in the temperatures, but snow was falling at

5 o'clock this morning at Prince Rupert and at Triangle Island. The heaviest frost in the prairie provinces has been at Prince Albert, where 10 below zero was recorded, while at several points 15 below was experienced. The lowest temperature in Victoria in December, 1914, was 26.

Sidney Board of Trade.—The fortnightly meeting of the Sidney Board of Trade was held in Bergquist's hall, on Tuesday. A considerable amount of business was considered, various matters under discussion being the wharf, street lighting, and correspondence. The resignation of the secretary was accepted, and a new one was elected in his stead. A new member, Guy Walker, was introduced by the president, and made an interesting speech dealing with the empire and the war, and emphasizing the necessity for the Sidney Board of Trade being alive to its responsibilities in connection therewith.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

H. H. Jones, of Port Moody, is at the Dominion.

Mrs. M. Brookes, of Saitair, is staying at the Dominion.

Miss Layard, of Ganges, is staying at the James Bay hotel.

E. H. Clark, of Shawnigan Lake, is staying at the Dominion.

C. Rogers Brown, of Seattle, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

R. A. Gallant, of Chemainus, is stopping at the Dominion hotel.

F. L. Freitag, of Red Oak, Ind., is stopping at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. R. G. Mellin, from Sooke, is registered at the Hotel Strathcona.

S. B. Dunlevy is in the city and is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

A. C. Burt is down from Fort George and is staying at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. H. Newmarch, Vancouver, is in town, registered at the James Bay hotel.

R. Pickering and S. Clarkson, of Calgary, are guests of the Dominion hotel.

C. H. Stuart Wade, of New Westminster, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

Fred Taylor and family, of Cadillac, Sask., are stopping at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. E. H. Brown, from Macklin, Sask., is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

George E. Powell is over from the mainland and is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

A. S. Hamilton and P. McAlpine, of Nanaimo, are registered at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. F. W. Spink, from Langford, is in the city and is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

G. B. McMillan and family, from the oilfields at Seagrim, Wn., are registered at the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. Elizabeth Spooner has arrived from Vancouver and is making her home at the Strathcona hotel.

C. W. Bennett and Mrs. Bennett, of Saturna Island, are visiting Victoria, and stopping at the Dominion.

Mrs. F. Yates and Master John Yates, Shawnigan, are visiting in the city, and are staying at the Strathcona hotel.

B. L. Tingley and E. J. Tingley, of Port Clements, are visiting in the city and are staying at the Strathcona hotel.

Hon. C. E. Tisdall, minister of public works, purposes making a tour of the province early in the new year, principally in the northern part.

Vancouver arrivals at the Empress hotel yesterday included Russell Clute, Joseph Martin, K.C.; T. C. Wall, H. T. Minogue, S. D. Stewart, R. Hall, R. Holme, and H. W. Brodie.

Sir Richard McBride is to be the guest of the chairman and members of the Indian commission at the Empress hotel this evening, to-morrow.

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evening he will be entertained at the Union club by the members of the legislature, and on Monday evening he will be the guest of his honor the lieutenant-governor and Mrs. Barnard at Government house.

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ARION CLUB CONCERT

Miss Sofie Hammer, a Norwegian Singer, to Take Solo Part on Programme.

The Arion club will give their first concert of the season in the Empress hotel ballroom, on Thursday, January 12. The club has been fortunate in securing for this occasion the services of Miss Sofie Hammer, a Norwegian singer, who studied for the operatic stage in Europe, and who possesses a lyric soprano which has received the very highest praise from musical critics in many parts of the continent.

The programme includes English, French, Russian and Norwegian songs by Miss Hammer. Among the numbers will be Mrs. Fluth's aria from Nicolai's "Merry Wives of Windsor," French numbers: "Le Chant de la Liberté" and "Chant de Guerre" from Massenet's "Le Jongleur de Notre Dame," Mary Garden was the first woman singer to present any of the music from this famous opera (which was originally intended only for male voices), and Miss Hammer will no doubt assist in preserving the popularity of the music.

This year the choir is under the conductorship of Frank J. Sell.

PANTAGES THEATRE.

A splendid festive programme is that now being presented at Pantages theatre, and it augurs well for the calibre of the performances during 1916. There is not a single weak act on the bill, and at least three of the new offerings are of stellar calibre. The place of honor on the bill is accorded the Ten Toozoonians, a troupe of men and boys who present a whirlwind acrobatic and tumbling act. The troupe is a well balanced one, and every member is an expert. The big comedy hit of the bill is scored by that master of facial expression, Maurice Samuels, who with his capable little company in that intensely human comedy-drama, "A Day at Ellis Island," Samuels in the role of the "wop" waiting for his sweetheart at Ellis Island, has his audience at times on the verge of hysterics, and the playlet is interesting every minute of the half hour it holds the stage. Another act that should make the Pantages a popular resort for patterfamilies who wish to give their kiddies a real New Year treat is Barnold's dog and monkey actors. This splendidly trained troupe of canine and simian performers present a comedy skit, entitled, "A Hot Time in Dogville," all by themselves. "Dan," the canine star, is funny enough to make even one of his own species laugh. A regular symposium of new songs is presented by Princeton and Yale, a man and woman, who have a rapid-fire talking act styled, "One Hundred Miles from New York," that is good for at least one laugh per mile. The Hazel Kirk trio, two men and a woman, offer a pleasing melange of songs, dances and piano solos, all of which are most artistically rendered. Seymour Furth, a well known composer, is the pianist of the trio.

SANTA CLAUS VISITS ORPHANAGE AGAIN

Children Give Christmas Entertainment Before Big Audience; Presents for All

There were a few children at the orphanage who were so small last year that they did not remember the visit of Santa Claus. But for the most part from the tiniest youngsters up to the biggest they were all equally alert and anxious to see him again at the Christmas tree held yesterday. Row upon row, like the children of the tale, "their faces with pleasure and soap aglow," they packed themselves into the tiered stage arranged for them, and preparing the way for his coming by singing and reciting. There was a very good audience present, not quite so large as in times gone by, but every bit as appreciative. Among them were the Bishop of Columbia and Mrs. Scriven, Dr. and Mrs. Clay, Rev. William Stevenson, Rev. W. Baugh Allen, Rev. J. B. Warnicker, Rev. A. de B. Owen and Rev. E. G. Miller.

Mr. Hayward, president of the orphanage, was an excellent chairman for the proceedings, which opened with the Lord's Prayer, chanted by the children; and the Benedictus. This was given beautifully under the direction of Mr. Pollard, who deserves all praise for the excellent manner in which he has got the little ones to work. Everything that they sang during the afternoon showed the most painstaking care and devotion on the part of their teachers.

Early in the proceedings the chairman called on the bishop to speak to the children, and in a characteristically happy way his lordship complimented the boys and girls on their singing. He added that it would give him much satisfaction to be able to come back twenty-five years hence, when all the little people had reached manhood and womanhood, and see just how each of them had developed. They could all become useful, practical, and industrious citizens of the great empire, and he hoped and trusted that they would. In conclusion the heartiest of wishes for a happy New Year were expressed by the bishop.

Immediately afterwards Dr. Clay spoke. He compared the New Year to a white world of spotless cities, an unstained thing which he hoped each and all of them would do their best to keep spotless right to the end.

Rev. William Stevenson told briefly a story from Robert Louis Stevenson about "The Chalk Line," which divided a room occupied by two sisters. One sister kept to one side of the line; the other to the other side. He asked the children to keep the "chalk line" which divided homes, friends and duties, out of their lives.

Rev. A. de B. Owen complimented the youngsters on their progress, and wished them the happiest of new years, adding a few sentences of a congratulatory character in connection with the work of the institution.

Rev. J. B. Warnicker believed that every child lost the privilege of being brought up in the family suffered a real calamity. But the next best thing to the home was the orphanage, which made every possible compensation for what had been lost. He wished them all a busy and happy 1916.

Very pretty was Rev. W. Baugh Allen's message to the small people. He bade them all to face the sunshine, without looking backward from 1916, and cast all the shadows of the past year behind.

The message which Rev. E. G. Miller brought was more to the older people present, whom he reminded that for Christ's sake they should each and all see that the innocents, the unprotected children of the community were properly clothed, fed and provided for. It was their bounden duty to do so. And in their family prayers they should think of these little ones.

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more songs and recitations by the children. "Once a Little Baby Lay," "Merry Christmas Bells," "Good-bye to the Old Year," "Merry Sleigh Bells," "Coasting Song" and others of a like character suitable for the Christmas season. Boys and girls all threw themselves into the singing with great zest and pleasure, and it was a well-entertained audience that listened to the last beautiful number, "Round Pealing Bells," which was among the prettiest on the very excellent programme.

There was a cleverly spoken recitation by Edna Inglis, and another by Florrie Willan, who is to be congratulated on her excellent memory and her clear way of speaking.

The front form was packed with a number of very small and supremely happy looking boys in white jerseys. They were wonderfully quiet, like all the other children, until Santa Claus was mentioned. After that their excitement was quite obvious. And when the bell pealed shrilly through the house they could hardly contain themselves until Mr. Hayward sent someone to open the door. A moment later in walked Father Christmas, rosy from his ride in the cold wind, and with little spicules of frost glistening in his beard and furry coat. He was in a big hurry and three or four ladies of the committee helped him to distribute the presents off the big and beautiful Christmas tree that glowed under its many colored lights. Ten minutes later Santa threw his empty sack over his shoulder and took his departure, getting three hearty cheers from the boys and girls as he went through the door.

The small people repaired to the playground to open their toys. The older folk were the guests of the ladies' committee for afternoon tea, the convener of the arrangements in this connection being Mrs. Andrews.

The tea-room, as well as all the other rooms and the halls of the building, were prettily decorated with ivy and evergreen, the matron and her helpers having been responsible for this. The big Christmas tree, which

"Yes, sir," said the sedate heavyweight, "I'm going to learn to dance." "Well," replied his wife, "I have no suggestions to offer. Some men like practical jokes so well they will play them on themselves."

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gold-digger, his experiences in the sleeping-car, his encounters with the miners, his trip through the desert with the intelligent and highly-trained mule, Ramona, and the general mix-up and passing through all sorts of dangers more or less real will set any audience laughing. The fun grows faster and more furious as the action develops. Nor is fun the only merit of this feature. There is a vein of pathos which the audience will appreciate. In "Chimmie Fadden," Victor Moore is at his best. The supporting characters are all cleverly portrayed.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 30—5 a.m.—The barometer is falling in advance of another ocean disturbance which will cause generally unsettled milder weather, with southerly gales on the coast. Zero temperatures prevail in Cariboo and Kootenay, and



Scene from "Judge Not," the stupendous six-act Broadway feature at Variety theatre to-night, to-morrow and Saturday

who can look, without a spasm of merriment, at Otis Harlan's "Black Sheep," when that individual returns to the mud mansion after finishing his "culture" term under the tuition of Lord and Lady Small Talk, is "fit for treason, stratagem and spoils." His dress, his walk, his mannerisms—the whole man-make and irresistible appeal. And this is only one instance of the many laugh-raising climaxes. On the same programme there is a Pathe News with late views from all parts of the world, and a scenic special.

sharp frosts have extended southward to California.

Forecasts

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Friday.

Victoria—And vicinity—Easterly and southerly winds, cloudy and milder, with sleet or rain to-night or on Friday.

Lower Mainland—Easterly and southerly winds, mostly cloudy and milder, followed by sleet or rain.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, maximum yesterday, 37; minimum, 27; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, fair.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, maximum yesterday, 36; minimum, 22; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, fair.

Entrance—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 29; wind, 10 miles S.; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, maximum yesterday, 13; minimum, zero; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, maximum yesterday, 2; minimum, 4 below; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Temperature.

Max. Min.
Cranbrook 28 ..
Penticton 33 ..
Nelson 27 ..
Calgary 14 ..
Edmonton 12 ..
Qu'Appelle 2 ..
Winnipeg 14 ..
Toronto 25 ..
Ottawa 19 ..
Montreal 18 ..
St. John 25 ..
Halifax 34 ..

Victoria Daily Weather.
Observations taken 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m. Wednesday:

Temperature.
Highest 37
Lowest 31
Average 34
Minimum on grass 25
Maximum in sun 47
Bright sunshine, 6 hours 6 minutes.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT.

Victoria Observatory,
From 22nd to 28th Dec., 1915.

Victoria—Total amount of bright sunshine, 21 hours and 12 minutes; rain, 1.50 inch; highest temperature, 47 on 25th; lowest, 33 on 26th.

Vancouver—Total amount of bright sunshine, 16 hours and 6 minutes; rain, 1.00 inch; snow, 1.50 inch; highest temperature, 44 on 22nd; lowest, 35 on 26th.

Kamloops—Total amount of bright sunshine, 11 hours; snow, 5.00 inches; highest temperature, 42 on 22nd; lowest, 16 on 27th.

Penticton—Precipitation, .04 inch; highest temperature, 45 on 22nd; lowest, 29 on 26th.

Nelson—Snow, 11.00 inches; highest temperature, 44 on 22nd; lowest, 14 on 26th.

Cranbrook—Snow, 10.00 inches; highest temperature, 42 on 22nd; lowest, 19 below zero on 27th.

Barkerville—Snow, 16.00 inches; highest temperature, 28 on 22nd; lowest, 8 on 26th.

Prince Rupert—Rain, 3.42 inches; highest temperature, 42 on 22nd; lowest, 30 on 25th, 26th and 27th.

Atlin—Snow, 8.20 inches; highest temperature, 26 on 26th; lowest, 4 on 25th.

Dawson—Snow, 2.00 inches; highest temperature, 14 on 25th and 27th; lowest, 16 below zero on 27th.

HIGH-GRADE BIRDS

AT POULTRY SHOW

Quality Exceptional and Standard Has Improved Says Judge

The remainder of the judging at the poultry show was done yesterday afternoon, fifteen classes going through the hands of Mr. Hinds. Some of the birds, the judge says, are well worth showing in any poultry show, however high the grade of birds competing against them. He found the standard of exhibition in British Columbia has greatly improved.

The awards made yesterday afternoon are as follows:

S. C. Buff Leghorns—H. A. Ismay, all awards.
S. C. White Leghorns—R. Bryden, all awards.

Anconas—Mrs. Rudd, all the awards.
White Wyandottes—J. Moore, 1st prize for best exhibition pen.

Bantams, Buff Cochins—J. S. Ederlin, 1st hen; H. Cariness, 1st cockerel, 2nd pullet.

Black Cochins—Alice Pye, 2nd hen, 3rd cockerel; L. N. Calvert, 1st, 2nd and 3rd cockerel; W. Heaton, 1st cock,

3rd pullet; R. Bryden, 1st hen, 1st and 2nd pullet.

White Cochins—T. H. McCabe, all awards.

Partridge Cochins—Bantams—J. J. Moore, 1st cock, 1st hen, 1st pullet.

Pile Game Bantams—W. Heaton, all awards.

Old English Game Bantams—W. Heaton, all awards.

Buttercups—W. E. Ellis, 2nd cock, 1st hen, 3rd cockerel, 1st pullet; J. S. Bakes, 1st cock, 1st and 2nd cockerel, 3rd pullet; W. Mallet, 2nd pullet; R. L. Alker, 2nd cock; G. L. Smith, 1st pen.

Dark Cornish—J. E. Lock & Sons, 1st and 2nd cock, 1st, 2nd and 3rd hen, 1st cockerel, 1st, 2nd and 3rd pullet; T. C. Oldershaw, 3rd cock.

White Cornish—W. M. Higgs, all awards.

Single Comb Black Minorcas—J. Moon, 1st cock, 1st and 2nd hen, 1st and 2nd cockerel 1st and 2nd pullet, 1st prize for exhibition pen.

Rose Comb Black Minorcas—J. Hammond, 1st, 2nd and 3rd hen, 1st and 2nd pullet; S. Hall, 1st cockerel, J. Riddell, 1st cock.

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VICTORIA TO MEET LEAGUE LEADERS ON LOCAL ICE TUESDAY NIGHT

Aristocrats Have Had Hard Luck, Losing Three Games by Only One-Goal Margins; Tickets Go on Sale To-morrow; Wanderers Still Under-estimated

Luck is certainly breaking against the Victoria ice hockey team, and it seems beyond their power to shake the jinx that haunts them. On Tuesday night they lost another tough-luck game to Portland, this making their third defeat of the season by a one-goal margin. Although their loss column is greater than their win column they certainly are as strong an aggregation as there is in the circuit.

Undoubtedly Victoria would have defeated Portland at the Rose City had Manager Patrick been in perfect playing condition. He did not start the game, but remained in uniform on the bench until 17 minutes had elapsed, when the team became unsteady and he jumped into the lineup. Despite his crippled condition he took the puck through and scored the tying goal. He could handle the stick all right, but his speed was gone. This morning Lester Patrick stated that Bobby Genge was the best man on the ice, being strong in defence and causing the Portland defence plenty of worry by his spectacular individual rushes. Freddie McCulloch was in fine fettle in the cage, while Jimmy Riley also played well.

Whether or not Lester Patrick will take his place on the Victoria lineup on Tuesday night against the Rosebuds at the local arena remains to be seen. He is willing to play if he has to go on crutches, but it is hoped that he will have recovered for this crucial struggle.

A victory for the Rosebuds on Tuesday would greatly bolster their percentage, and their chances of remain-

ing in the lead would be exceptionally bright. They have lost but one game to date.

Vancouver may again defeat Seattle at the Terminal City. They seem to have struck their stride, and will be hard to beat in the future. The return of Frank Patrick has strengthened the defence, and the addition of Sibby Nichol to the forward line has bolstered up the attack.

Tickets for Tuesday night's game will go on sale to-morrow morning at the Pitt-Ritte clothing store, corner of Yates and Government streets.

Wanderers Maintain Lead.

Wanderers, 4; Ottawa, 0.	
Quebec, 5; Canadiens, 2.	
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Wanderers	4 0 21 12 3
Quebec	3 2 1 13 12 4
Ottawa	3 1 2 9 9 2
Canadiens	3 1 2 6 9 2
Toronto	3 0 3 7 16 0

Sarnia Won.

Sarnia, Ont., Dec. 28.—Sarnia defeated Seaford 7 to 3 here to-night in the first local senior O. H. A. game of the season. Seaford was fined \$10 for being late in showing up.

North Battleford Beaten.

Saskatoon, Sask., Dec. 28.—Saskatoon defeated North Battleford here to-night in a good exhibition of hockey by the score of nine to four. After the first period the Pilgrims had the game practically on ice and although the northern men only allowed them to score four goals while they almost held the honors even by scoring three themselves in the last two periods. Saskatoon was at no time in any danger.

CARTER WON MEDAL.

Pinehurst, N. C., Dec. 30.—Philip V. G. Carter, of New York, junior metropolitan champion, won the qualification round and gold medal in the twelfth annual holiday week golf tournament here yesterday, defeating H. V. Seggerman, of the Englewood Country club.

SPORTING NEWS

PROUD RECORD OF VICTORIA

SPORTSMEN DURING THE YEAR 1915

Some 200 Athletes Have Joined the Colors; Slack Year in All Branches of Sport

War has played havoc with all branches of local sport during 1915, and only a handful of athletes remain in the city who have not donned the khaki, and these are nearly all engaged in some way which prevents their enlisting. During the year close to 200 local athletes have joined the ranks. A glance over the recruiting columns and through the casualty lists shows the splendid response to the call of the empire among the active participants in sport.

Several of the city's foremost sportsmen already have fallen for the sake of the country's freedom on the battlefields of France. Such athletes as Frank Gulliver, Sid Thomas, "Shorty" Ward, A. Hudson and others have sacrificed their lives for the great cause. All these had more than a local reputation in sporting circles.

Rugby Suffers Heavily.

Of all branches of sport rugby has been the heaviest sufferer through the war. Almost every rugby player associated with the Victoria Rugby union, is now in khaki, and practically no rugby games have been played this year. An effort was made to establish an intermediate league, but it had not got very far on its way when it had to be disbanded, as most of the players had joined the ranks. No inter-city matches were played as in former years, and only one senior match was played—between the Civilian fifteen and the Western Scots.

Frank Gulliver, already mentioned, was one of the city's best three-quarter backs. He also was prominent on the cricket field, in boxing circles and in ice hockey.

G. C. Grant, another star rugby player who played with the Wanderers and also on the Victoria rep. team on several occasions, has been mentioned in the casualty lists as missing. Cyril Sedger, yet another fine rugby player, was a victim of pneumonia, while Sid Thomas, who played for the Welsh, was killed in action a month or so ago. A. Hudson also played in the local senior rugby ranks.

Joe Shires, Blaney Scott, Matt Scott and a number of other players who starred for the Oak Bay and James Bay rugby teams, have left for the front, and Fred Copas, Roy Copas, Evan Hanbury, Allan Fraser, Pollock and Lumpston, all members of the High school rugby team, are now serving their country. Kilpatrick and Ross, former members of the University team, are attached to local units. Several of Gillespie's brothers of cricket and rugby fame are now in the firing line, while Ronald Gillespie has been for many months a prisoner of war.

Soccer's Contribution.

Next to Rugby soccer has probably contributed the largest number of active participants to the colors. Despite the great response to the call of the empire, however, this branch of sport has been very successful during the season, but unless the war is over by next year, it is very improbable that there will be any soccer leagues. The Senior city league was won by the Jackson club after a very poor start and a dazzling finish. This team now has been badly crippled, several of their players having joined the ranks. All other senior teams suffered considerably by enlistment. Six teams entered the senior city league race, but only five teams finished. Half way through the schedule the Fifth Regiment team dropped from the league, being left badly crippled by the departure of St. Lucia of several of their members. There was no intermediate and no junior soccer league as in former years. The only other soccer league in existence is the Y. M. C. A. Junior Standard, and this is being gradually weakened by the enlistment of several junior players. The Sir John Jackson club will be severely crippled by the enlistment of a great many of their players, while the St. Lucias have also been weakened. Ned Tait, Bill Sedger, Watson, Hines, Plump, Prevost, Okell and Ord, former senior Victoria West players, are now in khaki, while of their junior division now in the ranks there are Dave Sloan, Bert Gosnell, Sid Sherritt, Popham, Stewart Thompson, Frank Sherritt, Gibson and Tommy Ricker. James Bays have contributed a number of players including John Greig, Mossley and Sam Lorimer. From the Jacksons club there are George Allan, Thorburn, Jack Niven, Clarkson, Fred Kerley and G. Nichol. Ex-Thistle club members now in the ranks include Bobby Lea, Gordon Leeming, Jimmy Howden, Shrimpton, Patterson and Whitaker. Members of the Empire intermediate club who have responded to the call are: Hewitt, Davies, Donald, Hayward and Smith. The Kroeger brothers for years prominent on the soccer field representing the Fifth Regiment left during the past year for St. Lucia. Herb Steenson, Norman Ballantyne, Dick Daft and a number of other junior soccer players have enlisted. Walter Lorimer, one of the very best soccer referees and very prominent on the athletic fields some years back, is now a member of the 88th Fusiliers. George Hymers who played back for the Sons of England a few years ago is an officer in the 103rd battalion. Sid Thomas, formerly a member of the Victoria, professional team and later

with North Ward and the Civic Service teams, is now in England with the 45th battalion. Sid Holt, who played with the Empress team, is a member of the 103rd battalion.

Basketball.

Basketball proved to be, probably the most successful amateur sport participated in during the year. The Sunday School league was carried on as usual, while the House League basketball league was also successful. But this branch, too, has contributed 1-4 quota to the colors. Fred Carne, formerly of the Y. M. C. A.; Reg. Beckwith, Goldie McKenzie, Ted Menzies, Tommy Pascoe and others are now in the ranks. The Sunday School basketball league was very evenly contested, the Fairfield quintette knocking the championship and the Krott Shield from the Metropolitans.

Baseball Affected.

Baseball also has been seriously affected by the war. Victoria, after a brilliant start in the Northwest league race, gradually faded and as the attendance dwindled the directors threw up the sponge and the team finished out the season as a road team. Amateur baseball was not as successful as in former years. Senior, Intermediate, Junior and Midget leagues were organized. The first-mentioned went along nicely for a term, but the superiority of Hawkins Cubs and the Bapcos was too great, and the other clubs withdrew. Hawkins and Bapcos arranged a post-season series to decide the championship. The first game was won by the former, and they were recognized champions. The intermediate league was entirely different. They went through the schedule properly, Beacon Hill being returned victorious. Beacon Hill also copied the championship of the Junior league, and North Ward won the Midget pennant.

During the year many of the foremost baseball players have enlisted. Walter Gravlin and Charlie McDougall, of Hawkins Cubs, are now in the ranks, while Haley Jackson, Roy Travis, Clem Patterson and Jerry Travis, who played with Beacon Hill in the intermediate league, have also donned the khaki. Kenny Jones, a member of the Esquimalt team, is attached to the Transport corps. Yummy McGregor, Les Mackie, late of the Bapcos, have enlisted, while other prominent figures of the local amateur baseball diamond to respond to the call are Russ Pollock, Gregory Yorkie, Charlie James, Bob Simpson, Billy Kerr, Stewart Plows, Hal Carne, "Smiler" Petticrew and others.

Rowing has been at a standstill. In former years the J. B. A. crews participated in international regattas, but in the past summer, owing to the war, they called off all their engagements.

Boxing also suffered severely. Six of the best local amateur boxers are now in the Old Country. Scotty McKay, probably the best known amateur boxer in the Northwest and a member of the V. I. A. A., has twice been wounded. Jack White, another member of the V. I. A. A., is now in England. Jack Ross is with the 48th Battalion. Stan James is attached to one of the Welsh regiments. Harry Willis is in the trenches. Scott Cropper is a munition worker, and "Shorty" Ward, who boxed around the 115-pound mark, was killed in action. In addition to this, Cyclone Scott, the well-known local professional middle-weight boxer, is a member of the 67th Battalion, Western Scots. Despite the scarcity of material, W. H. Davies, of the V. I. A. A., has staged a number of splendid tournaments during the year on behalf of charitable societies.

Another branch of sport seriously affected is cricket. This game during the year has been practically at a standstill. No inter-city matches were played as in former years. A. C. B. Gray, a prominent local cricketer, is now a captain in the 88th, while Orr, who captained an eleven which won the Island, is also a member of the 88th Fusiliers. It is very doubtful if there will be a cricket league next season.

One of the best-known figures in athletic circles in the province has joined the colors in the person of George Nicholson, president of the B. C. A. U. He holds the rank of captain in the 67th Battalion, Western Scots. He also was secretary of the Victoria rugby union.

Effect on Lacrosse.

The lacrosse season was very successful, Victoria making a strong bid for the provincial title. However, at the close of the league several members joined up, and it is almost a certainty that there will be no league next season in the province. The city intermediate title went to the National team, which played Oak Bay a series of games and won easily. Five members of the National team have enlisted, namely, Roy Gilcrest, Toots Plump, Fred Copas, Roy Copas, and Haley Jackson.

Horse racing was very quiet, as well as motor racing, owing to the fact that the ground at the Willows has been occupied by the troops. The annual exhibition and horse meets were suspended.

Jack McNeill, Frank Crompton, and Lou Godfrey, a trio of the best known swimmers in the province, are now in khaki. A new star was uncovered in the swimming ranks in Miss Griffin, a

NEW YEAR'S DAY SOCCER.

Last night the Civilian team to oppose an eleven selected from the naval and military forces at the Royal Athletic park on New Year's day was chosen. The team is composed mainly of youngsters, and President Manson of the V. F. A. looks for them to give a good account of themselves. The team is as follows: Goal, Loomis (Jacksons); backs, Tunnicliffe (Jacksons) and Lamphere (Wards); halves, Blendall (Jacksons); Green (Jacksons); and Stewart (Wests); forwards, McLeod (Wests); Cummins (Wards); Shakespeare (Wests); Kerley (Jacksons) and Livingstone (Wards). Reserves, Robertson (Wests) and Church (Wests). Goward will referee the match, and Mort. Moir will officiate as linesman for the Civilian.

school-girl who won many laurels in the various meets this summer. However, next year it is doubtful if there will be any swimming competitions, as the best material is now joining the ranks.

One branch of sport not so seriously affected by the war is ice hockey, both professional and amateur. However, the war has cut the attendance at the big games in two, while quite a number of amateur players have enlisted, including Lieut. Ben McDermid, Neil McDermid, George Morton, Reggie Lott, Bill Riley, Bill Young, Herb McKenzie, and many others. The Victoria team has made a very creditable start this year, and if they continue to show such good form they will be runners-up for the league championship. The amateur leagues were very evenly contested. The Commercial organization was headed by the Carter & McKenzie septette, while the senior city title went to the Shortt, Hill & Duncan aggregation. This year only exhibition games are being played, and there are no leagues.

Joe Gorman, one of the best known sport writers in Canada, and prominent on the lacrosse field, answered to the call of the flag. Joe is now in England attached to the aviation corps.

No track meets were staged this year excepting a military tournament. Well known local runners now in the army include Bill Day, Percy Beasley and Tommy Gallon. The last named was mentioned the other day in the casualty list.

Tennis.

Tennis was gaining rapidly in popularity in this city when the war broke out, when most of the participants flocked to join the colors. Two of the best known local tennis players in Canada, residents of this city, now in the forces, are Lieut. R. B. Powell, of Victoria, B. C., who captained the Canadian team which reached the final of the Davis cup in 1913, and played against Australasia at Chicago last year, and Capt. J. F. Foulkes, a member of the Canadian Davis cup team which visited England in 1913, has been invalided home from the front, and is now in London.

WILL HOLD OPENING DANCE NEXT WEDNESDAY

The opening dance of the Vancouver Island Amateur Athletic association will be held in the new club rooms, Catherine street, Victoria West, on Wednesday evening, January 5. George Ozard's orchestra has been engaged, and will render the very latest dance music. Dancing will be held from 8 to 130. A choice buffet supper will be served during the evening. A special committee has been appointed to attend to the decorating of the club quarters for this occasion. Any person desirous of receiving an invitation is requested to phone 1664R1.

TRACK COMPLETED.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 30.—With banners flying from its whitened stands, the Tijuana race-track stands complete to-day ready for its inaugural meet Saturday. Tijuana had an unusual fight to establish its position in the world of sport and when it was finished and ready President James W. Coffroth, of the Lower California Jockey club, relaxed for the first time since he came to San Diego two months ago.

AMERICAN JOCKEYS BARRED.

Berlin, Dec. 30, via London.—The employment of American jockeys on Hungarian racetracks "virtually" has been stopped through a resolution proposed by the Hungarian Jockey club, which excludes foreign jockeys from all races the stakes of which are below 20,000 crowns. The resolution is worded so as to affect "foreigners," but Americans are almost the only foreigners riding on Hungarian tracks.

FIGHT DECLARED OFF.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 30.—The 29-round fight for the heavyweight championship, scheduled for March 3, in this city, between Jess Willard and Fred Fulton of Minnesota, was definitely declared off yesterday by Tom Jones, Willard's manager, and Tommy Burns, local promoter, who was partner of Dominick J. Tortorich in promoting the match.

GRIFFITHS OUTPOINTED BRITTON

Akron, O., Dec. 30.—Johnny Griffiths, by a slight margin, outpointed Jack Britton, of Chicago, here last night in twelve fast rounds.

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TACOMA MOTOR RACES.

Tacoma, Dec. 30.—Directors of the Tacoma Speedway association yesterday were considering a new plan for the 1916 race programme, and it is probable that instead of entirely abandoning the July 4 races, the association will stage races for Northwestern entries only on that day, and direct their chief energies toward the 300-mile Pacific coast classic, the Montemarathon, on July 5. The latter date is the one awarded Tacoma in the national speedway circuit when the big drivers of the country will meet. The Fourth of July programme will probably be featured by the inter-city century, a 100-mile event, with a number of shorter races for preliminaries.

MEETING POSTPONED.

New York, Dec. 30.—Announcement was made to-night by John Heydler, secretary of the National league, that the reconvened annual meeting scheduled for January 4 has been indefinitely postponed. It is believed the officers of the National league will wait until the Federal league players have been apportioned and all peace details straightened out before reconvening the annual meeting.

WELSH IS FAVORITE.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 30.—Refused the use of the auditorium for next Saturday night, Frank Whittey will meet Freddie Welsh under a big circus tent. The bout will go ten rounds.

The tent will seat 5,000 and indications are that the fight will be to capacity limit.

Though the betting has not fairly started on the bout, the prevailing odds to-day are 7 to 10, with Welsh the favorite.

GALLANT AWARDED DECISION.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 30.—Gilbert Gallant, of Boston, was given the referee's decision over Stanley Yeakum, of Denver, at the end of fifteen fast rounds here last night. The men fought at catch weights.

REMARKED ON THE SIDE

Darcy Will Win Middleweight Title.

In the course of a few months the middleweight throne, the occupancy of which has been so undecided since the tragic death of Stanley Ketchell, will probably be decided by the visit to this continent of Les Darcy, the new Australian sensation. His double defeat of Eddie McGearty and Billy Murray, in addition to a decisive point verdict over Jimmy Clabby, leaves only one man to dispute his claim, and that is Mike Gibbons. Just as soon as the Australian visits America he will be pitted against the St. Paul Wizard.

If the bout is a ten-round affair Gibbons may jab his way to a decision, but over that distance the Australian should stow Mike away. The middleweight division boasts of no men rugged enough to stand up and mix it with Darcy. Jack Dillon was very rugged, but he has outgrown the middleweight mark, and now fights the heavyweights. He appeared to be the only man in sight who could give the Australian blacksmith a tough argument.

Tim Had to Have His Little Joke.

The death of Andrew Freedman brings out a new story on Tim Hurst that has not been told in a good many years and can be told again. Freedman was bossing the National league with an iron hand and had evolved a scheme for syndicate ball by which the receipts were to be pooled and the New York club to get 25 per cent. Al G. Spalding decided to rescue the league from Freedman's grasp and was slated to be elected president of the league, with Freedman being expelled as a club owner.

It was the night before the league meeting. Spalding was in conversation in the hotel lobby and Tim Hurst was in the crowd.

"By 8.30 to-morrow night Andy Freedman will be run out of the National league," declared Spalding vehemently.

Hurst turned aside, squinted his eye, and said: "Why, Spalding would run this league just like a train despatcher—Freedman out at 8.30."

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CITY'S ENGINEERING RECORD FOR YEAR

Opening of Waterworks and Work on Trunk Sewer Two Principal Undertakings

The city council of 1915 has spent only a small sum on construction, as compared with its predecessors, but the results fully justify the expenditure. All the works completed this year were financed in earlier times. The only important work provided out of revenue was the paving plant, which has been successfully erected at Garbally road. As City Engineer Rust says: "It is a good thing for the city to keep the many miles of asphalt paving in repair."

Most important of all was the completion of Sooke waterworks, which was opened by the mayor at the headworks on May 28 in the presence of a small party of officials. The water was turned into Huippack reservoir on June 1. The scheme already has more than justified the confidence which successive councils have felt in urging and supporting it. The cost to date, including land damages, but exclusive of debt interest, has been \$2,577,000. Apart from this amount, the watershed has now been surveyed and will be purchased at the cost of about \$175,000 in the immediate future. It may be mentioned that in spite of the extensive distributing service already laid in paved and other streets, two and a half miles of water mains were added this year. Residential services number 7,581 and business services 908.

The northwest trunk sewer has not yet been finished in Victoria West, although a great deal of work has been done during the year. It is expected that it will be completed in the coming year. To date \$242,600 has been expended on the scheme, which is the chief work within the city limits under municipal auspices still incomplete. In addition one mile and a third of sanitary sewers have been laid, making the total for the city of 117 miles.

Very little local improvement work

was done in relief and employment. The body was too large, and the elements were the relations among the elements represented that co-operation was impossible. However, a medical gentleman, Dr. John J. Miller, then a resident, undertook its organization, which he performed in a very active and energetic manner, forming employment clubs which greatly aided the work. When he retired owing to dissolution in the managing committee the body was reorganized under the city council, and has since done unobtrusive but useful work. A new register gives over 1,000 names, half of whom are women, as unemployed here.

Two relief works were carried on during the year, namely, the road to Saanich observatory, and the grading of the old Indian reserve. Victoria continues to be well represented on the executive of the B. C. Federation of Labor, and the national meeting, the convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, held in Vancouver in September resulted in its president being elected to a high office in the congress. The Victoria Trades and Labor council has taken an active share in public affairs, and is now seeking through the affiliated unions to secure direct representation on the city council.

There have been a few labor differences, fortunately without much industrial disturbance. Difficulties between employees over working conditions by the street railwaymen and the electrical workers in the summer were happily avoided. The year on the whole has been a better one for skilled and unskilled labor than its predecessor.

MUNICIPALITIES HAVE DONE USEFUL WORK

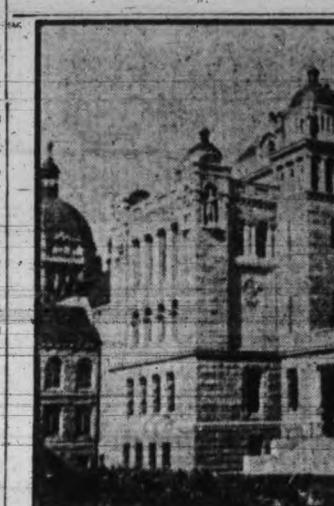
Sewers, Waterworks and Road-Paving in Vicinity of Victoria.

The most important works carried out in the municipalities around Victoria have been the road paving and waterworks in Saanich, sewerage con-

LIBRARY STATISTICS SHOW BIG INCREASE

Over 23,000 More Books Went Out During 1915 De- spite Decreased Population

The statistical report from the Victoria public library at the close of a year is always of considerable interest to the reading public. The fact



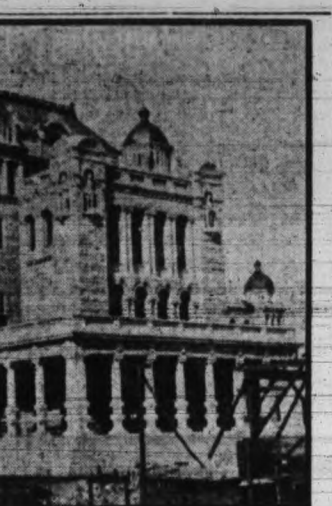
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that there has been an increase in the circulation over last year of about 23,600, despite the fact that the population of the city has been somewhat reduced in that time, is evidence that the reading public is growing in num-

ber. In the subject in the homes and the schools, have been tremendously in demand.

Drama and poetry have been about equally in demand, and the same with respect to history and travel, new thought and philosophy, in the realms of philosophic and religious works, have had an almost unprecedented circulation, and others in new books on subjects related to these, or in drama, poetry, or history, volumes are no sooner announced as on the coming lists than they are reserved.

In fact in every department of the library there are evidences of great widening of interest in literature of the better class, and the comparative figures for the respective months in all departments will make very interesting reading.



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THREE LANDMARKS IN THE SCHOOL YEAR

Normal School Opening is Most Important Event; Work of School Board

Three outstanding events mark the educational history of Victoria in 1915. The first was the opening of the Normal school at Mount Tolmie, the second the abandonment of university instruction maintained for a number of years under school board auspices in conjunction with a body of men interested in university instruction, and the third, the creation of district high schools owing to the enforcement by the city of a policy of collection of fees from district municipalities.

The Normal school is undoubtedly a great asset to the educational resources of the province. The abandonment of university instruction here was a consequence of the inauguration of the B. C. University in temporary buildings in Vancouver, while the creation of district high schools came as a direct result of the pressure of taxation. In good times the citizens were not inclined to quibble about educating 100 pupils or so from the districts contiguous to the city. Now every dollar counts. The change was not made without discussion, and the question is still unsettled. Two district high schools have been inaugurated in Esquimalt and Oak Bay.

The city school board stayed its hand with capital expenditure, and therefore abandoned construction of the Kings' road school, and left the pupils in the old frame building. The Margaret Jenkins school has been occupied, thereby relieving the pressure on adjacent schools. Fewer teachers are employed than twelve months ago, and thus the proportion of pupils per teacher, which had been falling during several years, is now on the increase. The attendance shows a slight decline.

The board has opened one additional domestic science centre, has extended its evening class curriculum and begun to devote some attention to cadet instruction. The last named issue has been carried out in the face of conflicting opinions. Some people consider the subject lies outside the province of the board. The board, in equipping and clothing the corps, has had considerable assistance from patriotic organizations.

Public opinion in favor of technical education is growing, but in spite of government aid in equipping craft instruction classes, the movement drags, the public mind being too much occupied to give much attention to such developments.

In the private schools a record of progress is recorded everywhere, although restricted expenditure has curtailed the number of pupils on many occasions, as parents have been unable to continue pupils at private institutions. Victoria's enviable record as an educational centre has been fully maintained in 1915.

BUILDING RECORD OF THE PAST YEAR

Considerable Construction of Work in Completion of Old Contracts; Building Rules

The year 1915 has been a quiet one in regard to public buildings, although considerable work has been done in completing old contracts. The new armory, the Hudson's Bay block, the post office extensions, the city jail, and the extensions of the parliament buildings (notably the magnificent Connaught library), all of which were started prior to 1915, have been completed in the present year.

The city building permits to December 28 were about \$242,000, and allowing the usual \$100,000 for repairs, the total when the return is made to council will not be far short of \$350,000. The most important permit in value this year is that for the Arcade building, a multi-construction block costing \$75,000. About 215 permits have been issued for all classes of buildings.

The most important building started this year is the new Saanich observatory, which will have a great scientific value as well as represent a large expenditure. The observatory, Dr. Platt, looks to have the construction so far advanced as to take up his residence here next summer. To possess the largest reflecting telescope in the world is no small credit to the district, particularly when the choice of site was determined by the fact that Victoria has the smallest range of temperature in Canada. Preliminary to construction, a new road has been erected to reach the summit of Saanich hill, connecting with the West Saanich road. This was the provincial government's contribution to the cost.

The grading of the old Indian reserve has been in hand for many months, and much earth and rock has been moved. Operations for the extension of Johnson street across the reserve are in progress.

Both the new harbor bridge and the new Jubilee hospital buildings have been held back by war conditions, nor is there any prospect of an early start on these projects.

The city has modified its stringent building by-law of 1912 in the hope of stimulating buildings within the A fire limits, and the Arcade building is one of the results of this policy.

this year kept up to the average of other months:

Bankers consider that the returns are quite satisfactory in view of the war conditions existing, and the stringency in the financial markets. They show that in this city business has got to a solid foundation sooner than it has in other places, and that from this on it may be expected to resume greater activity steadily and increasingly.

The figures for the two years are as follows:

	1915.	1914.
January	\$ 8,139,327	\$ 11,639,678
February	5,978,874	10,984,102
March	6,635,016	11,945,187
April	6,814,069	10,987,272
May	6,156,906	11,185,071
June	5,857,943	10,915,671
July	6,558,614	11,981,270
August	5,970,244	8,584,821
September	6,216,333	9,214,951
October	5,839,179	9,912,240
November	6,659,343	8,169,812
December	6,060,000	7,606,413
Totals	\$75,854,539	\$121,067,308

STREET RAILWAY HAS A FAIRLY GOOD YEAR

Suburban Line is Developing a Rich Area of Country; Traffic in City

While no figures of traffic are available, the B. C. Electric Railway company have had a fairly good year. From various causes the volume of traffic dropped off for a time, here as on the other lines of the system, and the earnings naturally have been affected by the war and the depression in business.

Notwithstanding this the traffic has been pretty steady and the cars are patronized very well. At first the jitneys took from them to a considerable extent, and still do, but with the advent of cold weather citizens may be found taking the street cars in preference to the more open motor car. The Saanich interurban line has

BOARD OF TRADE WAS ACTIVE IN MANY WAYS

Matters Affecting Interests of City Dealt With and Re- sults Secured

A very active year was spent by the board of trade, and a great number of matters affecting the business interests of the city and Vancouver Island as a whole were dealt with by the board, its council and committees.

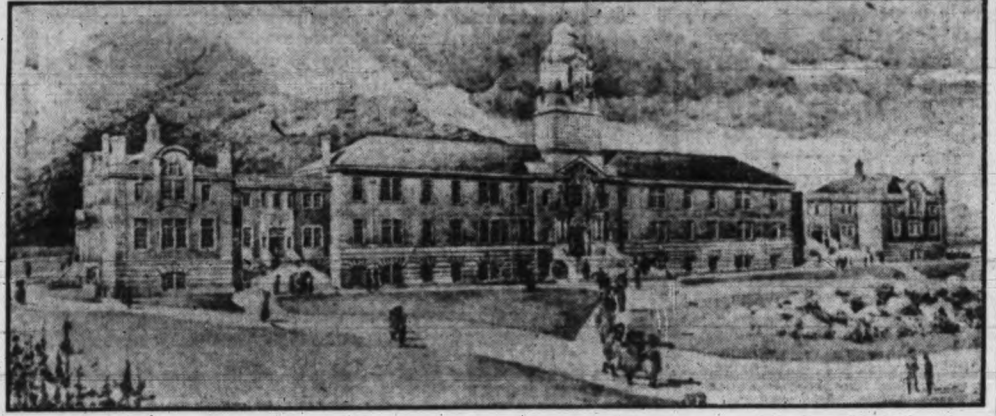
Results were obtained in several cases from the action taken by the board and the representations made by it to the governments or corporations. These will be not only for the benefit of businessmen, but to the general advantage of the city.

In the matter of agriculture the board has taken a deal of interest, realizing that the prosperity of the city as a whole, and of the mercantile community, depends upon the progress of agriculture. Throughout the year that matter has been dealt with in one way or another, and the close of 1915 finds a strong and representative committee at work with a view to developing plans for the increase of farm and garden food products.

Early in the year the board took up the subject of encouragement of the growing of seeds in this vicinity, the climate of Victoria and the district immediately around it being admirably adapted for the purpose. The plan then initiated is being acted upon.

Land Claims. Another important matter dealt with by the board was that of a land-clearing scheme applicable to the employment of returned soldiers. This is following up previous action by the board urging the adaptation of some scheme of land-clearing which would make available agricultural areas of the province. In the case of soldiers it is proposed that a small area be cleared and divided into lots that a man can handle, and that they be assisted by government instructors. A report was made on the matter to the provincial government.

The agricultural committee recently has been enlarged and is now actively engaged in the consideration of ways



NORMAL SCHOOL AT MOUNT TOLMIE

As it will appear when all the improvements in front of the main entrance have been completed. The building was finished this year, and its interior furnishings and equipment are of the most modern and up-to-date kind.

has been done this year owing to the objection of property owners to having their lands burdened with additional taxation. Still thirteen streets have been added to the list of those paved, in addition to sidewalks and boulevards. A number of by-laws have been closed up, and the assessments made, numbering in all 65, leaving five unfinished.

About 500,000 square yards of the surface of streets were treated with 100,000 gallons of oil, and 30,000 cubic yards of refuse have been moved by the garbage department at an average cost of \$1.45 per yard.

At present there are 74 miles of paved streets, 121 miles of concrete sidewalks and 82 miles of surface drains.

The city engineer has had the support of Assistant Engineer Foreman and a competent staff during the year, Mr. Foreman having given particular attention to the trunk sewer, the cost of which is working out under the estimates.

Although not under the engineering department, the city has recently opened the new city jail and police quarters on Fitzgerald street, a concrete building of fireproof construction, in which modern prison requirements have been met. In this building is located the new Gamewell fire alarm equipment.

BETTER TIMES PREVAIL

Labour Conditions Have Been Easier in 1915 Than in Preceding Year.

In labor circles in 1915 there has not been the same uneasiness which marked the previous twelve months. Three factors greatly relieved the situation which was acute when the year opened. They were the large enlistment, the removal of armament workers, of whom 230 left Victoria and district in July, and the large number of harvesters who left here in August and September under the auspices of the Saskatchewan department of agriculture.

The year opened with a great deal of distress, which taxed the utmost efforts of philanthropic organizations. A municipal labor bureau was formed, managed by a voluntary organization chosen from the various bodies inter-

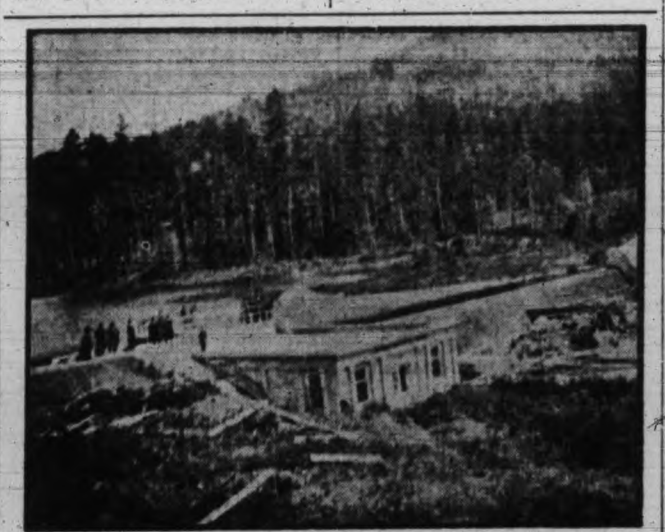
struction in Esquimalt, and considerable street improvement in Oak Bay. The township municipality is gradually completing the important system of trunk sewerage which led to its incorporation 3½ years ago. In Saanich the council of 1914 did much preliminary work which was taken advantage of by the present body to carry on its road paving and waterworks. The road paving has been of two classes, that under the Warren contract arranged by an earlier body, and twice approved by the ratepayers, and that carried out by the engineering department direct.

The waterworks have been greatly delayed by the war, as the shipping firm handling the water pipe from Scotland has suffered heavily from attacks by submarines, while a vessel carrying a large consignment was held at the Panama canal slide. Consequently castings had to be made locally. However, the council is ready to turn over to its successors about 1,300 house services with which to make a start in the new year. Oak Bay has made new terms with the city with regard to the purchase of water.

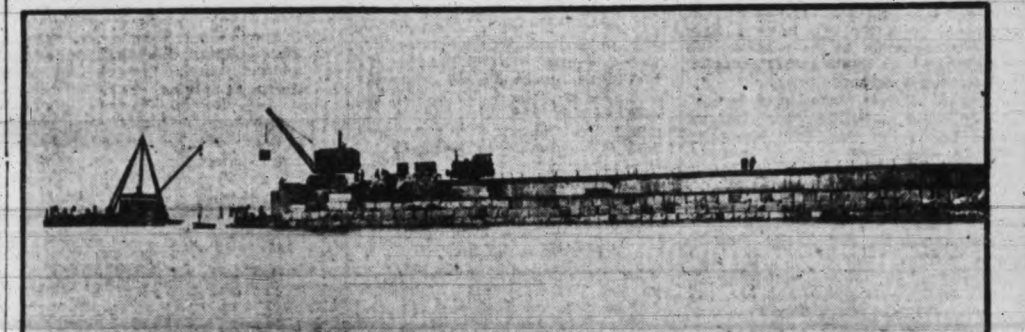
bers. There have been, in fact, no fewer than 3,130 new applications during the past twelve months, and this has more than offset the withdrawals by removal from the city and other causes. The total number of books lent this year is in the neighborhood of 236,000. Last year both juveniles and adults borrowed to the extent only of 211,425 books.

While there is an increase in the number of readers there are also notable facts in connection with the character of the books read. Books on applied arts and sciences have been much in demand. Anything dealing with small farming, dairying, poultry raising, the growing of forage plants, has been popular, and everything conceivable in engineering, steam engines, automobiles, mechanics, explosives, etc., has been asked for at one time or another.

It is interesting to learn from the librarian that a new book on rare earths has been much read. Health and hygiene books, probably following the new interest which is being taken



The party at Sooke lake dam on May 28, when Sooke waterworks was officially opened by Mayor Stewart.



NEW BREAKWATER UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Practically all the construction that can be seen of the breakwater at Ogden Point has been completed this year. Previously many months were spent in the arduous and difficult task of laying the foundations under water and in building up to the sea level. About 1,500 feet of the breakwater has been constructed.

BANK CLEARINGS SHOW BUSINESS IS STEADY

Fluctuations of Other Years Are Absent From Figures for Past Twelve Months

That the business of the city has reached a sound basis and is maintaining a steady level is shown by the bank clearings for 1915. It is true that they are considerably below those for the year 1914, but there is not the wide margin of fluctuation that there was in that and former years.

The total clearings for the year amount to \$75,854,539, as against \$121,667,308 last year. There has been an even volume of business going on throughout, and the gratifying thing is that in months when ordinarily there has been a falling-off trade

been doing a large volume of business, both passenger and freight. The convenience which it is to residents of the peninsula has been abundantly proved, and the people show their appreciation of the company's enterprise by patronizing the line very largely.

Not only is it of benefit to those who live some miles up the peninsula, but it affords rapid transit for the thousands who reside in the suburban areas to the north and west of the city, where there are being built up extensive colonies of people and where many workers who are employed in the city have gone out to make homes for themselves and families.

From the farms and orchards of the Saanich peninsula the company is drawing a considerable amount of freight, and the facilities which it affords are assisting in developing the agricultural possibilities of that section. There is a regular service which enables the producer to get his products in here to market quickly and reasonably, and it is being availed of more and more.

and means whereby the production of food products may be increased. The new year will see it fairly well started on this work.

Among the effects of the war is, of course, an increased demand for copper, and this has led the board to urge that copper refining should be commenced in this province. The federal and provincial governments have taken this matter upon them, and the mining committee of the board has furnished the Imperial shell commission in Canada with a very valuable report upon the proposal to establish a copper refinery on this coast. This being a confidential document in large part, the public has not had an opportunity to judge of the labor involved in its preparation.

Providing Tonnage. The special committee on shipbuilding is now dealing with the problem of the providing of tonnage on this coast, especially for the carriage of lumber, and is acting in concert with other bodies in the matter. A conference of the coast boards of trade will be held in the board of trade rooms here on Thursday next, and immediately afterwards Hon. C. E. Tindall, minister of public works, will be approached.

As a consequence of the recommendations of the board active steps were taken by the two governments to secure larger orders for British Columbia lumber in the world's markets, and Chief Forester H. R. MacMillan is now touring the globe at the instance of the federal government and having considerable success in getting large orders for lumbermen here.

For many years the board has tried to secure a reduction, if not the abolition of the pilotage dues. It has been so far successful that from the first of the year there will be reduction of twenty per cent in the dues collectable from regular liners. The board will continue to advocate the abolition of compulsory pilotage. It continues to press for improved life-saving facilities on the west coast.

In the matter of railway freight rates the board secured from the Canadian Pacific railway a change in the dividing line at which through rates apply equally to Victoria and Vancouver. This was Revelstoke but is now Spences Bridge, so that it gives to Victoria merchants a large terri-

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NEW HUDSON'S BAY BLOCK

The handsome structure on Douglas street, which has been brought to completion this year.

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and school.
ONE OF THE CHOICEST
PIECES IN THE DISTRICT
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PASSENGERS FORESEE
MOVEMENT THIS WAY

Effect of Withdrawal of Pacific Mail Boats on Traffic Here

Passengers arriving on the Aki Maru to-day state that the withdrawal of the Pacific Mail steamers from the trans-Pacific route will result in a considerable demand for eastbound bookings by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha American line. There were two or three American business men on board the Aki who would have preferred to take the Honolulu route, but could not get a berth on a steamer of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, the only passenger line now operating on that route to San Francisco.

While the Nippon boats on this route are not so large as the ships of the Toyo company, nor the passage as satisfactory in regard to weather conditions as the southern route, the business men of the Orient have to consider sailings at stated dates. Unless they can secure berthing accommodation in the Toyo steamers, which now have all the trade formerly given to the Pacific Mail liners, the northern route has to be taken. It was pointed out that when the two monster Empresses are again in the running, the tendency to use this northern route by Victoria will increase tremendously.

A good deal is being said in the treaty ports about the new Chinese line, backed by San Francisco merchants, which will pick up business at Honolulu en route, but as yet the company's programme has been too little developed to meet the needs of the three classes of passengers who form five-sixths of the trans-Pacific passengers, officials, business men, and missionaries. The Chinese are nationally jealous of the Japanese, and are very suspicious of the tremendous growth of the Japanese mercantile marine under government subsidy, and backed by influential people in the Island Empire. Meanwhile the Japanese lines are getting the business, and everything that will float is being turned into tonnage owing to the demand for vessels. Old vessels, said a passenger to-day, which have lain idle for years, have been refitted, and are doing business between Oriental ports.

H. B. "Imperial" Lager Beer, quart, 5 for 50c.
Phoenix Beer—2 qts., for 25c

TIMES SHIPPING CHART

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	From	Due
Montrose	Halley	2,500	C. P. R.	Hongkong	Jan. 1
Poliphemus	Hori	2,501	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	Jan. 1
Aki Maru	Noma	4,000	Dodwell & Co.	Hongkong	Jan. 2
Titan	Read	5,800	Dodwell & Co.	Hongkong	Jan. 2
Shinpu Maru	Rolls	2,500	C. P. R.	Sydney	Jan. 7
Niagara	Rolls	2,500	C. P. R.	Hongkong	Jan. 12
Canada Maru	Sorensen	2,500	C. P. R.	Hongkong	Jan. 12
Crown of Seville	Rolls	4,300	Balfour, Guthrie	Liverpool	Jan. 20

DEEP SEA DEPARTURES

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	For	Due
Empress of Japan	Hopcraft-Dixon	3,500	C. P. R.	Hongkong	Jan. 1
Chicago Maru	Hori	2,500	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	Jan. 7
Aki Maru	Noma	4,000	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	Jan. 11
Niagara	Rolls	2,500	C. P. R.	Sydney	Jan. 19

COASTWISE SERVICES

For Vancouver	From Comox
Steamer Princess Victoria leaves daily at 2.30 p. m., and steamer Princess Mary daily at 11.45 p. m.	Steamer Charmer arrives every Sunday.
From Vancouver	For Prince Rupert
Steamer Princess Adelaide arrives daily at 3 p. m., and steamer Princess Alice at 6.30 a. m.	Steamers Prince Rupert and Prince George leave Tuesdays and Saturdays at 10 a. m.
For Seattle	From Prince Rupert
Steamer Princess Adelaide leaves daily at 4.30 p. m.	Steamers Prince Rupert and Prince George arrive Mondays and Thursdays at 6 a. m.
From Seattle	For Skagway
Steamer Princess Victoria arrives daily at 1 p. m.	Steamer Princess Mary sails on Jan. 7, Jan. 21, and Feb. 4.
For Port Angeles	From Skagway
Steamer Sol Duo leaves daily except Sunday at 11.30 a. m.	Steamer Princess Mary arrives Jan. 4, Jan. 18, and Feb. 1.
From Port Angeles	For Holberg
Steamer Sol Duo arrives daily except Sunday at 9 a. m.	Steamer Tees leaves on first and twentieth of each month.
For San Francisco	From Holberg
Steamers President and Governor alternate every Friday at 5 p. m.	Steamer Tees arrives on seventh and twenty-seventh of each month.
From San Francisco	For Clayquot
Steamers President and Governor alternate every Monday at 1 p. m.	Steamer Tees leaves on tenth of each month.
For Comox	From Clayquot
Steamer Charmer leaves every Tuesday a. m.	Steamer Tees arrives on thirteenth of each month.

REVIEW OF SHIPPING
IS VERY INTERESTING

Despite Handicaps Brought About by War Past Year Has Been Encouraging

SEVERAL LINES FORCED TO ABANDON SERVICES

Tourist Season Was Very Good; Harbor Has Been Improved

Compared with preceding years the shipping record of this port for 1915 is not particularly bright, but when one considers the handicaps under which shipping has been laboring since the outbreak of the war, there is much that is encouraging in review of conditions along the waterfront in the year just closing.

At times when the admiralty placed its hand on various companies' ships, forcing the cancellation of sailings, shipping men became somewhat discouraged until it was generally realized that were it not for the British fleet restricting the activities of the German fleet, every steamship flying the Union Jack would probably be interned or tied-up altogether.

Despite the adverse conditions this port has done a fair share of business, and some of the apparent disappointments have really proved blessings in disguise. The withdrawal of the C. P. R. Empresses, which at first seemed a bad blow, has done this port much good. While the big liners are operating no cargo is left at Victoria, whereas during their absence the Nippon Yusen Kaisha and Osaka Shosen Kaisha ships have been bringing large cargoes to this port for discharge and reshipment to Vancouver, thereby making Victoria a distributing point and providing considerable work for the longshoremen. There are many other similar instances.

Many Lines Withdrawn.
The war has made irreparable at present the loss of tonnage for transporting cargoes. About 1,500 ships are in the employ of the British admiralty, and the entire German and Austrian mercantile fleets cannot be utilized. Consequently all the world's trade is flooding the British, Japanese, United States, French, Italian and neutral steamship companies. Many excellent and profitable services have had to be abandoned owing to the lack of ships. During the present year the Royal Mail Steam Packet company was forced to suspend its service between London and Victoria via the Orient. The Russian Volunteer fleet found it impossible to maintain the route between Vladivostok and Victoria when the Russian government ordered the ships to go to New York and load for Archangel. The Maple Leaf line has abandoned its service from New York to Victoria.

The Blue Funnel line cancelled its Liverpool-Victoria trade via the Suez canal early in the year and inaugurated two new services, a direct outcome of the opening of the Panama canal. The steamship Moyune arrived here early in February from the Mersey via the Panama canal, and since that time the boats have been arriving every month. In order that attention might be given to the Oriental trade the Blue Funnel liners Titan, Ixion and Talthybius were ordered to remain on the Pacific and maintain a monthly schedule between Hongkong and this port.

There has been a scarcity of tonnage for the trans-Pacific trade, but with the release of the Empresses the con-

gestion of traffic will be relieved to a certain extent.

Tourist Trade Good

The past summer was one of the best for tourists since the war. Since the days of the famous race war between here and Seattle, during June, July and August the ferry steamers carried thousands of tourists. It is estimated that during one month 40,000 tourists passed through this city. The fair at San Francisco assisted a great deal in bringing visitors here. The tourist travel to Alaska was exceptionally heavy.

There has been very little activity in the offshore lumber trade. Early in the year the Norwegian barque Wulff and the American schooner Makubona sailed from Victoria with cargoes for South Africa. Owing to the high charter rates local shippers have not been able to secure ships to carry their products across the seas. The steamship Grahamland was in the inner harbor during the summer to load a cargo for the British admiralty. Relief for the lumber industry has been sought, but none has been forthcoming.

Much Dredging Done.
Much dredging work has been done in the inner harbor during the past year. The dipper dredges Ajax and Mudlark, the Lobnitz rock crusher, the Orange-peel and the two smaller dredges have removed many obstructions. Steamers can now make the run from Laurel point to Shoal point in two courses, and early in the new year a patch of rock will be removed, enabling ships to steam the distance on one course. A very marked improvement has been made in the channel, which a few years ago was serpentine.

Excellent progress has been made on the breakwater, which is now completely finished over half of its length. Much rubble has been dumped for the foundations. The figures have not been computed for the year as yet, but it is estimated that nearly 200,000 tons of rubble have been dumped. Thousands of tons of granite blocks have been laid in position, and huge quantities of concrete have been used in constructing the superstructure.

The work on the piers is progressing favorably. Many of the big cribs have been sunk into position, and others are now being constructed at the yards in Esquimalt harbor. Before another twelve months have elapsed, the great piers will have begun to assume their proper shape. At present the work is all being executed under water, and one is unable to gather any idea of what the great concrete docks will look like.

Few New Ships.
Few new ships made their appearance at this port during the year. The Osaka Shosen Kaisha added the fine liners Hawaii Maru and Manila Maru to their trans-Pacific fleet, but outside of this pair no new ocean-going boats have arrived. Neither has one new coasting steamer been added to the fleet. The two new C. P. R. Princesses which were due here early in the year to operate in the triangular service, had their trips cancelled by the admiralty. The Princess Irene has been destroyed and the Princess Margaret is still doing service as a scout. The new Canadian-Australian liner Aorara, which was expected to arrive here from Australia this summer, was prevented from fulfilling her schedule by the admiralty.

Victoria traders have been exceptionally fortunate in escaping accidents. The Blue Funnel liner Calchas received the worst blow when she ran aground off Point Wilson, and \$10,000 had to be expended in repairing her. The steamship Marlborough had a costly bump in Lema Passage a few months ago, and is coming here in a week or two to undergo part of her repair work.

The foundering of the steamer Leona in the Gulf of Georgia on October 30, with the loss of seven lives, was the most lamentable accident to a coasting steamer.

For the first time in six years the west coast of the island was the scene of an appalling marine tragedy. The Chilean ship Carelampu was driven ashore on November 25 with a loss of 19 lives. And just as the curtain is about to be lowered on 1915 a wind-jammer is beating about the coast in danger of being cast up on the beach at any minute.

DISABLED GREEK SHIP
MAKES SLOW PROGRESS

Thessalonika Has Boiler Room Partly Flooded; Steamer Burns and Sinks

New York, Dec. 29.—Another radio message was received to-day from the Greek liner Thessalonika, which is making for this port with her boiler room partly flooded.
"On account of small damage," reads the message, "we come with lessened speed. Engineers assure no cause for alarm. Account of strong winds speed will be six or seven miles."

Officials of the Greek line said that at the rate of speed she is now making the Thessalonika should reach New York Saturday morning.
Muskegon, Mich., Dec. 29.—The steamer Nyack, owned by the Crosby Transportation company, one of the oldest vessels in the passenger business on the Great Lakes, burned at her dock here to-day and sank to the bottom.
The Nyack, built in Buffalo in 1875, was valued at \$150,000 and is said to have been fully insured.
The origin of the fire which was not discovered until the steamer was a mass of flames, has not been learned.

Quigg—"You say she met with misfortune, and never smiled again."
Watts—"That's a fact. What was it?"
"She had lost two front teeth."

WELL-KNOWN SAILER WHICH WEATHERED
FIERCE HURRICANE IN MID-PACIFIC

BRITISH BARQUE ELGINSHIRE

Word received from Portland, Ore., states that the Elginshire had a very rough passage across the Pacific. The barque is well-known in Victoria. Six years ago she loaded a cargo of lumber at the Canadian Puget Sound mills for South Africa. Capt. Dixon, who is now master of her, was here four years ago as skipper of the barque Arctic Stream, which also loaded lumber for South Africa.

Within the last few months the Elginshire has been roughly handled by the elements. Had she not been a staunch ship she probably would be at the bottom of the sea, as the captain says one of the storms she weathered was the very worst with which he ever has had any experience in the many years he has been following a seafaring life.

Carrying a cargo of case oil, the Elginshire cleared from Philadelphia for Fusan last summer. After reaching the Indian Ocean last August she got into the path of a hurricane. Her decks were submerged by 12 feet of water and the ship was reeling off about 10 or 11 knots an hour, running with the storm. Two topsails and the foremast are the only canvas that could be carried with safety.

The water piled on deck until it reached to a point far above the cabin door. It had a strong current and there was tremendous pressure. Every moment it was feared the doors of the cabin and of the other rooms would give way, letting in the water and

drowning the crew in its quarters. The storm continued with considerable violence for the greater part of two days.

Finally it subsided and its only effect was to drive the vessel some distance off her course. On arriving at her destination and discharging her cargo the barque was chartered at 1000 to load grain at Portland for the United Kingdom. Her cancelling date was fixed at December 31. She took on earth and stone ballast and started out on the voyage. When about 700 or 800 miles this side of Japan she ran into a typhoon but managed to get out of its clutches without damage.

All went well again until she reached the middle of the Pacific, when the greatest storm, the captain says, he ever witnessed began to brew. It was not long until the blow reached the force of a typhoon with the Elginshire right in the centre of it. Instantly her sails were carried away and she was running under bare poles. In a few moments more she went over on her beam ends. The ballast was shaken about like so much dirt in a box, the stones rolling to the ends of the hold and the earth remaining in about the centre. Fortunately the ship gradually came to an upright position. With the exception of short lulls that storm continued unabated for almost 48 hours. But the captain remembered that his cancelling date was December 31 and his best seamanship was put forth in driving the ship to the Columbia. He made it nearly a week to the goal.

FINE ENTERTAINMENT
AT SEA ABOARD AKI

Japanese Stewards Entertained Passengers on Xmas Day; Fine Passage.

Beautiful weather favored the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Aki Maru, Capt. Noma, on her run across the Pacific, with the result that she hove off William Head last night at 9.30 o'clock one day ahead of her schedule. She came up to the outer docks this morning to discharge her local cargo. Capt. Noma says that this was the finest passage he has made from Yokohama at any time of the year. He considers himself extremely fortunate in encountering such excellent weather at this season of the year.

Out of the fifteen days the Aki was at sea only one was a little rough. The day before Christmas a strong southerly gale sprung up, but it was short-lived and did not work up a sea sufficient to bother the big ship. During the run from Hongkong to Shanghai Capt. Noma says that he steamed through a very bad northeast monsoon. The sea was very heavy and the ship rolled badly.

A Big Celebration.
On Christmas Day ideal weather prevailed. The sea was as smooth as a jelly and there was a dead calm. A most elaborate dinner was served, and both the saloon and steerage passengers thoroughly enjoyed themselves. At 8 o'clock in the evening everyone on board, with the exception of the watch on deck, assembled in the steerage quarters in No. 5 hold. An entertainment had been arranged by the stewards of the ship, and they went to a lot of pains to have the place decorated and made to look Christmas-like.
The programme was excellent. Japanese girls gave exhibitions of Japanese dancing, the men illustrated their method of wrestling, and did some excellent conjuring and contortionism. There was singing and reciting, and they was no end of fun and amusement. The entertainment came to a close at midnight.

Full Cargo.
The Aki Maru brought a full cargo of freight to this port, including \$1,500,000 worth of silk for trans-shipment at Seattle to New York. Six thousand tons of cargo will be discharged at Sound ports. Here the Aki unloads 700 tons, made up principally of tea, rice, oranges, Chinese goods, saice, miso, soy beans, porcelain, silk goods and pickles.
A large list of saloon passengers arrived, the majority of whom are going through to Seattle. A number of Rus-

sian refugees made the trip from Yokohama on the Aki.
The steamsip left for Seattle during the afternoon.

SHIPPING
INTELLIGENCE

Everett, Dec. 29.—Arrived: Str. Hornet, from Seattle, via Tacoma; str. Tiverton, from San Francisco.
Eagle Harbor, Dec. 29.—Arrived: Bktn. Kohala, from Port Allen, Dec. 29, November 25, in tow of tug Prosper.
Tacoma, Dec. 29.—Arrived: str. Colusa, from Sydney, N. S. W., via San Francisco, at 7.23 a. m.; str. Chicago Maru, from Seattle, at 7 a. m.; str. Panaman, from Seattle, at 2.40 p. m.; str. Seaward, from Southeastern Alaska; str. Salkai Maru, from Seattle, sailed: Str. Alameda, for Seattle.
Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 29.—Arrived: Str. President, from Seattle, via Anacortes, at 11 a. m. Sailed: Bge. Nuanan, for Seattle, in tow of tug Daja, at noon.

Mukilteo, Dec. 29.—The str. Hornet arrived this afternoon from Everett. She will take 50,000 feet of lumber from the Crown Lumber company, and will sail to-morrow night for San Pedro, via Port Angeles.

San Pedro, Dec. 29.—Bound from Guayquil to San Francisco with nitrates and general cargo, the str. Columbia, under charter to W. R. Grace & Co., called for orders to-day and proceeded. The str. Wasp called for fuel to-day, bound from Eureka for Mazatlan with lumber. Lumber carriers arriving to-day with cargo for this port were: Str. Lakme, from Eureka; str. Daisy and Temple E. Dorr, from the Columbia river; str. San Jacinto, from Grays harbor; The San Jacinto sailed for Hueneque after discharging a partial cargo here. The str. Rose City, which sailed to-day for Portland, will go out of commission upon her arrival there for new boilers. The vessel will be out of service about two months. Str. Bowdoin and Marshfield returned to port to-night from Redondo Beach for shelter on account of the strong northwest gale blowing to-day.

Aberdeen, Dec. 29.—Arrived: Str. Westerner, from San Francisco.
Portland, Ore., Dec. 29.—Sailed: Str. Roanoke, for San Diego, via San Francisco; str. J. B. Stetson, for San Diego.
Flavel, Ore., Dec. 29.—Arrived: Str. Northern Pacific, from San Francisco.
Raymond, Dec. 29.—Arrived: Str. Raymond, from San Francisco.
San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Arrived: Bge. Simla, from Vancouver, B. C.; in tow of tug Hercules; str. Multnomah, from Gray's Harbor; str. Avalon, from Helene, from Willapa Harbor; str. Admiral Dewey, from Seattle; str. Cleone, from Topobampo; Br. str. Hazel Dollar, from Shanghai; str. Bear, from Portland, sailed: Str. Atlas, for Seattle, at 11 a. m.; str. Tanapais, for Gray's Harbor; str. Hilonian and Matsonia, for Honolulu, at 11 a. m.; str.

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GOUCHER ADMITTED HIS COWARDLY ACT

Told Police He Had Lost His Head; Preliminary Hearing Opened To-day

Ernest H. Goucher intends to put in his defence to the charge of manslaughter laid against him in connection with the death of Mrs. Emma D. Wood while the preliminary hearing is on before Magistrate Jay. The probable line of this, as indicated by his counsel's questions to the crown witnesses, will be that the affair was an accident, due to Mrs. Wood having gone out into the roadway to save her boy.

The preliminary hearing began this morning, and the presentation of the case for the prosecution was put in within two hours. City Prosecutor Harrison having it well in hand and marshalling the testimony in masterly fashion.

Clear evidence was given of the reckless manner in which Goucher had driven his car on the evening of the accident, Christmas Eve, approaching a street and street railway junction at an illegal rate of speed and on the wrong side of the roadway. An allegation understood to be made by Goucher is that in avoiding hitting the little girl, he ran into the mother and child, but this is contradicted by the only eye-witness of the accident, a young woman, who says that her attention was attracted by the speed of the car approaching from behind her, that the girl was on the sidewalk, and that the car never swerved but drove on over the woman and out of sight.

Goucher admitted to the police that he had driven over the woman but claimed that he had not run over the child, and he also admitted that he had acted as a coward.

J. A. Alkman is appearing for the accused and A. D. King, of the B. C. Electric Railway Co.'s legal staff, is watching the interests of Conductor Wood and his family. Mr. Alkman intimated that he would put in his defence and secured a week's remand to have a full measure of the car, which is detained meanwhile in the police patrol house.

Dr. Raynor's Testimony.

Dr. Melbourne Raynor was called by City Prosecutor Harrison as his first witness, and he repeated the evidence given by him at the inquest. He had found the injured woman in MacArthur's drug store, Douglas street and Burnside road, with a compound fracture of the left thigh, several broken ribs on that side, suffering great pain and in a condition of shock. She died at 2:20 on Christmas morning as a result of the shock due to her injuries. The little two-and-a-half-year old son of the woman was unconscious at first. He had a cut on the back of the head, his face and hands were bruised and the skin on the forehead was abraded.

To Mr. Alkman the doctor said the woman's injuries were such as would be caused by impact with a motor car. Those received by the child were probably the result of falling to the roadway.

A. E. Foreman, assistant city engineer, produced plans made under his supervision on Christmas Day, of the scene of the accident and of the spot on Gorge road where Goucher's car was found on its side in the ditch on the wrong side of the road. This latter spot is near Portage Inlet. Mr. Foreman also produced photographs of both places. On the roadway where the accident happened was a clot of blood and leading from it was a mark of skidding wheel. The marks on the roadway skidding from the centre over to the right towards the fire station.

E. Dundas Todd testified to making the plans from Mr. Foreman's instructions.

Tested Car.

Arthur Brown, foreman machinist of the Beag Motor company, tested Goucher's car this morning. The foot brakes were all right but the emergency brake was not enough to stop the car. The left headlight had been broken off and the one produced in court as having been found at the scene of the accident was the one.

Mr. Harrison questioned the witness about the speed of a car which would

travel 154 feet of a skid on a wet roadway.

Mr. Brown did not think a car could skid 154 feet under such conditions before being brought to a stop. If it were to skid 50 feet it would begin to swing around. If it was going at 30 miles an hour and the driver could keep it straight in the roadway it could not be stopped in 150 feet. In this case the car was probably running 20 or 25 miles an hour.

To Mr. Alkman the witness said that going at a speed of ten miles an hour the emergency brakes on Goucher's car might stop it within fifty or sixty feet, but at thirty miles an hour they would have no effect on the wheels whatever.

Mr. Alkman asked if a driver, running his car at fifteen miles an hour, turned out to avoid hitting a child would it make skid marks.

Mr. Brown replied that it would not make such marks.

Mrs. Alice Wolfenden, Dunedin street, was in Rine's grocery store when she heard the crash and ran out, seeing the woman being carried in and an automobile disappearing.

Heard Laughter.

Miss Bertha C. Bell Grant, 649 Manchester road, cashier in the B. C. Telephone Co., saw the car going towards the right-hand side of the street and turning down Douglas street round the intersection corner. She picked up a broken headlight from the roadway between the west tracks (right-hand side) and gave it to a fireman. As the car disappeared she heard the sound of laughing and talking, as from a party of men in the car. About fifteen minutes later the car came back up Douglas street and turned on to Burnside road, and she and others entered out "there he is back." The police gave chase in the patrol wagon.

Miss Bertha Boydell, 2545 Scott street, seems to be the only person who saw the actual happening. She was walking towards Douglas street on Burnside road and as she approached the corner she heard a motor car coming on behind her at so great a rate of speed that she turned round involuntarily. The driver tooted his horn twice, knocked down the mother and child and ran over them and went straight on. The child was in the centre of the road and the mother had left the pavement and rushed to it when they were struck.

Did Not Swerve.

In answer to Mr. Alkman Miss Boydell said the driver did not swerve from a straight line before striking the two. The mother was stooping down and had just got the child.

Guy Van Buskirk was with his brother-in-law, Leonard Wattlet, and their wives walking towards Douglas street when the car passed them, and he saw two dark objects fall to the roadway. He and Wattlet ran to the assistance of the people. The car was slanting over towards the right-hand side of the roadway, skidding as if the rear end was trying to turn around. After the accident the machine skidded towards the curb as if it was going to run over it, but the driver managed to straighten the car out and continued on.

Private Cyrenus Cronk, of the 85th Regiment, was another of those who assisted in carrying the injured woman and child into the drug store. They were on the right-hand car track and the motor car was over on that side of the street.

Heard a Crash.

Driver F. H. Watterson, No. 5 fire hall, was standing in front of the hall with another driver when they heard a crash and saw a Winton car approaching them on their side of the road, which was the wrong side for it, skidding to the right and without any lights. As it passed them it picked up speed and continued on down Douglas street. Miss Grant handed him the headlight, which he turned over to the police along with a broken grease cup which he picked up. Later that night Lieut. Russell and he examined the roadway with the aid of a lantern and found that the driver had crossed from one side of the street to the other and back again. About half an hour after the accident he saw the car return, and when he saw it was not going to slow down at the accident he shouted to the driver, and ran over to warn the patrol driver.

Little Daughter's Evidence.

Lavinia Grace Wood, aged eight, told of her mother, brother and herself starting for the street car. They walked along Burnside road to Douglas and she crossed to the drug store side. Her little brother was in the middle of the road and her mother ran out to get him, but both were struck. She tried to save the little lad, too, but could not get out in time. The automobile was going at a great speed and her attention was drawn to it by her brother calling "automobile." Someone in the car called "hip, hip, hooray," or "get out of the way," or something.

Andrew Macpherson, 511 Francis avenue, deposed to the car skidding along the right side of the roadway.

Constable William Sawyer, who went out in the patrol wagon on receipt of the news of the accident, told of the chase of Goucher's car until it outdistanced the wagon.

Detective Heather was sent out after Goucher, in company with Constable Owens, of Saanich, by Chief Langley when a report was made to him of the affair and number of the car. On their way to Colwood they came on Goucher's car in the ditch, with the lights out and one headlight gone. In the back of it under a rug was a pint bottle of wine, an unlabelled quart bottle apparently of whiskey, a demijohn which

had contained port wine, and a broken demijohn. Goucher came out of a back room in his house when they called there with his overcoat on and apparently ready to go out.

Arrested Goucher.

When Heather told him he had been sent out for him Goucher said: "Are you trying to make a criminal out of me?" Heather told him to consider himself under arrest and gave him the usual warning. Said Goucher then: "I phoned in about this thing and was told to come in on the train in the morning. I know I am a coward for not stopping and going back, and if I could suffer for that woman I would do it. I completely lost my head and nobody is as sorry over it as I am."

Mr. Harrison: "What was his condition?" "He showed no sign of intoxication in his speech or his walk, but he smelled very strongly of liquor of some sort. He talked very effably, whether the result of the accident or whether he could not say. He started several times to say something but stopped short."

To Mr. Alkman Detective Heather said he knew nothing against the accused as a driver or in regard to drinking.

Detective Inspector Perdue received the custody of the accused from Detective Heather and placed him in the cells. He read to him the charge of wanton driving, and Goucher began to say: "I admit running—" when witness stopped him. Heather informed him that he had already warned the accused.

"Well, I do admit running over the woman, but I didn't run over the child," was the statement which Goucher had then concluded.

W. C. Gilling, manager of the Rine's grocery store, testified to seeing Mrs. Wood and her child, whom he recognized, in the drug store.

Patrol Driver H. F. Davis identified the grease cup found by Watterson and the headlight as belonging to the Goucher car.

Constable James Owens, Saanich, gave the distance from where Goucher ditched his car to his residence at Colwood as about four miles.

George Wood, husband of the dead woman, produced the clothes she had been wearing at the time of her death. There is one other witness to be heard for the prosecution and his evidence will be taken on Thursday next.

THINKS REBELLION WILL BE CHECKED

Passenger Arriving on Aki Maru Says Yuan Shih Kai is Safely Seated in Saddle

"Unless the unexpected happens the rebellion in Western China will collapse, because the insurgents have neither modern arms nor ammunition, and have no means of securing them," according to F. J. Berry, who with Mrs. Berry and family arrived from the Orient this morning on the Aki Maru. Mr. Berry has resided in Shanghai for some years.

"The insurrection cannot make much headway without outside support, and without co-operation of Southern China, and there is no evidence yet to the effect that there is any general sympathy with the outbreak. The insurgents must be armed with the old fashioned rifles which did duty in the late rebellion, because the French colonial government would not allow the importation of arms into Yunnan by way of the Tonkin railway."

"The danger to China's position today is from Japan, because we foreigners see everywhere an influence from that quarter spreading over China, having in view control of its resources, its railway and mineral development. Japan's attitude is the determining factor in Oriental politics to-day. The war has been the opportunity, and the Tokyo government has not failed to take advantage of it."

"Trade conditions in China are bad on account of the war. The warehouses are empty, as importers have been living on the stock provided before the declaration of hostilities, and now that supply has been exhausted, German trade of course was long ago paralyzed, and British and French merchants are unable to dispatch supplies on account of the shortage of tonnage. The situation is becoming quite serious, nor is there any immediate prospect of relief."

"The foreigners in China are as a whole well disposed towards the present Peking government, whatever failures it may have, and however close it may verge on despotism, because it is the only stable government in sight for China, and Yuan Shih Kai is the only man able to maintain his control of affairs. The present change is merely nominal, and few will be any the worse for it."

KILLED RABBITS

Thirty-eight Butchered in One Block in Saanich by Some Insane Person.

There is someone wandering about Saanich who has an insane mania for killing rabbits and Belgian hares. Whether it is an objection to these animals or simply a cruel taste for killing living things is not apparent, but the killing is not being done for purposes of their use as food.

On Tuesday night there were thirty-eight rabbits killed within one block bounded by Sims and Reginald avenues. In one place on Sims avenue twenty-six were knocked over the head, at another across the road two, and at two houses on either side of Regina avenue five in each.

All but one of the animals were killed in the orthodox way by being struck behind the ears, but the exception had its head cut off with an axe. The doors of the hutches were all wrenched off the hinges.

Constable Owens, of the Saanich force, is engaged on the case and has a suspect under surveillance.

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VETERANS' CLUB

Returned Soldiers Told of Their Experiences at Meeting Last Night: Great Need is Financial Assistance.

A meeting of the Veterans' club was held last evening in the Camosun building. Major Seymour Rowlinson, president, Lieut. Col. Haggard, D.S.O., was present. Some new members were introduced, after which several returned soldiers recounted their experiences at the front. One soldier who left here with the first contingent told how the men had been made honorary members of the Veterans' club in London, and had been addressed by Major Arthur Haggard.

A vote of thanks to Col. Haggard

was enthusiastically passed by the men.

The Veterans' club is now properly installed in the Camosun building, towards the proper furnishing of which several citizens have contributed. The great need of the club now is proper financial assistance. All present expenses are being borne by the executive, but it is hoped that the public will come forward, and with its usual generosity support a most worthy and valuable club, which is doing a great deal, and will be able to do a great deal more for the men suffering from the effects of wounds received in the great war.

"So, what is meant by 'enclumens of office'?" "That's a high-sounding word used frequently by politicians to denote their pay, my son, and it's like charity." "How's that, pa?" "It covers a multitude of sins."

WANTS CONVENTIONS

Development Association Commissioner Plans to Get Annual Meetings of Societies Held in Victoria.

The commissioner of the Victoria and Island Development association is making inquiries throughout the group by states and provinces with a view to bringing to Victoria in the future as many conventions as possible. Every year in the United States and Canada hundreds of conventions are held; and it is the intention of the commissioner to get in touch with as many organizations as possible and put before them the advantages of Victoria as a convention city.

During the period of the San Francisco fair this year there were one or more conventions held in San Fran-

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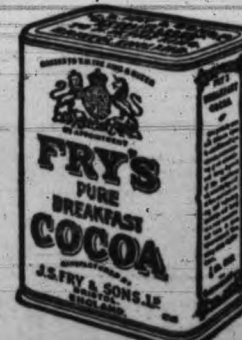


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DON'T FORGET New Year's Eve dance to-morrow at 8 p. m., at Progress Temple. Programme and lunch, 25c.

FOR SALE—Comfortable 8 roomed brick residence, with good outbuildings and about 2 acres of excellent land, on suburban car line; price \$3,500; \$300 cash, rest to suit; improvements alone valued at \$500. Federation, Mount Talmie.

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LOST—On Willows car, evening Dec. 10, suit gold, automatic extension, beach-sock, find an officer at the front to his child. Reward if returned to 204 Ford Bay road.

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STRAYED—From 661 Beacon street, James Bay, brindle bull dog, white markings. Notify Phone 1208. Party harboring hereby warned.

STRAYED—From 84 Fort street, on Christmas Eve, pointer dog, brown and white. Finder please Phone 37.

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LIME JUICE NOT UP TO FIXED STANDARD

Two Firms Are Fined for Selling Product in Good Faith but Contrary to Law

The department of inland revenue has evidently taken the very broad path thrown out by Magistrate Jay on the last occasion when prosecutions were brought under the Adulteration of Food act, and two cases were heard to-day in which the sales were but little over six months old. Previous cases were a year and eighteen months past when the merchants concerned were haled to court.

This time it was lime juice which was not up to the standard in quality as to solids and other elements. A large druggist's firm and a retail grocer were the two defendants, the sales in respect to which they were charged taking place on June 11 and June 9 last, respectively.

J. A. Aikman appeared for the department with Deputy Collector O'Sullivan.

In the case of the druggist, he got the lime juice from the National Drug & Chemical Company, with which reputable corporation he has been dealing from its formation without having had any complaint to report for the quality of the goods he bought.

In the other case D. S. Tait appeared for the defendant, and stated that W. H. Malkin & Co., Vancouver, from whom the goods were purchased, had a quantity which was slightly diluted before the passage of the order-in-council fixing the standard for it, and did not become aware of that order until the prosecution of a customer.

The remaining stock was at once labelled as being slightly diluted and all purchasers were notified. Apparently in this case there had been neglect to send a notification, as the purchase was made in July, 1913, and the retailer had gone on selling in good faith.

A fine of \$5 was imposed in each case, but the department claimed costs and could not state what these would be the fine was made \$10 in each case. That for the grocer was paid by a representative of W. H. Malkin & Co., the firm taking the blame for the unintentional breach of the law.

ROTARY CLUB MAKES SOME RESOLUTIONS

Local Singers Entertain Members at Last Lunch of This Year

New Year resolutions were in order at the Rotary club luncheon to-day. Several of the members were called on by James Rice, chairman of the entertainment committee, and these told what they intended to do and what they intended not to do during 1917. Most of the resolutions were for the good of the Rotary movement, but some of the speakers went outside and said things for the good of Victoria.

Rev. Mr. Chadwick said he believed he would be expected to resolve not to swear or drink or smoke, but he did not intend to make that kind of a resolution. (Laughter). He believed rather in positive than in negative resolutions; for, if one filled the year with good things, there would be no room for the negative. He, however, resolved to make denial on behalf of the most at war, and trusted that some Victorians would lose their exclusiveness, and that he would be able to shake more of them by the hand during 1917.

Ald. Todd made a resolve to get the Johnson street bridge started during 1917. Past President Frank Higgins had no resolution to make, but read a New Year greeting from Guy Gundaker, an eastern Rotarian, who wished Victoria Rotary good luck and best wishes. Vice-President Thomas Walker's resolution was for the good of Victoria and the advancement of Rotary.

The following were the winners of diplomas for reciting the shorter catechism without a mistake: Agnes Macnurt, Marian Jameson, Muriel Wormold, Kathryn Harrison, Kathryn McCallum and Marian Cameron.

There was a violin solo by Mr. Bertram, who played Scottish popular airs, and the proceedings concluded with the national anthem.

Mayor Stewart will be at home from 2:30 to 5:30 o'clock on the afternoon of New Year's Day, at 1611 Belcher street.

Mrs. Ralph Smith, of Vancouver, is in the city on a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. Carr. Mr. Carr has been seriously ill, but is now making favorable progress toward recovery.

Vancouver papers commenting on the performance of Handel's famous oratorio, "The Messiah," performed this week in Wesley church under the auspices of the Vancouver Musical society, make special reference to Mrs. MacDonald Fahey, soprano soloist, who took part in the great work. "Her soprano solos can be well said to be the feature of the production," said one critic. "Mrs. Fahey sings with great dramatic effect. Her voice possesses volume and range, while its rare flexibility was evidenced in the many florid passages which mark the soprano part." Mrs. Fahey is to take the soprano solo passages in the forthcoming performance of the Messiah at the Royal Victoria theatre.

There is also a considerable demand

in the eastern provinces, but for some time the provincial growers have been shut out of their best market across the line, in large cities like Seattle, Tacoma and Portland. Seattle quotations yesterday for potatoes were \$23 to \$24 for Yakimas and local from \$17 to \$18. The market report states that they are in considerable demand.

Inspector Cunningham, provincial fruit inspector, is sending out notices to the transportation companies requesting co-operation of their agents to prevent infected potatoes being shipped. It was a case of this character that a Chinese ranch in the Delta which lowered the quarantine months ago, after the U. S. Government had issued it for a period in favor of B. C. potatoes. The removal of the quarantine will permit hundreds of tons of potatoes to be moved.

SIXTY-SIX EMPRESS MEN GONE TO FIGHT

Six of Hotel Staff Lost Their Lives, Seven Are Wounded and One is Missing

Since war began the Empress hotel management frequently has had to change the composition of the hotel staff because of the number of the employees who have enlisted for overseas service. Although since August last year sixty-six men have left the hotel employment to join the colors and do their bit for Great Britain or France.

Some have done more than their bit, for six of the sixty-six men have lost their lives, seven have been wounded and one of the number is reported missing. The killed are: H. Butler, A. Pasquet (a French reservist), H. Hardy, S. Ward, W. Woods and S. Martin.

The wounded men are C. Fletcher, E. Dingle, Scotty McKay, G. Ecker, R. Pyrie, A. Kennedy, and E. Richardson. R. Pickard is reported missing.

All the men except three joined the forces here. The majority are either in camp here or in England. Of the three exceptions, two were French reservists and went home to France, and the third is Chief Clerk H. J. Wilson, who obtained a commission in Ontario.

The others of the hotel who have joined are: S. G. Dean, — Ferrie, A. H. Fairclough, J. Griffin, E. W. Falconer, R. Leader, D. Faulkner, T. Chester, — McKenzie, H. L. Seller, C. Francis, H. Ellis, F. Stewart, G. Martin, W. Willis, W. Christie, K. Christie, R. Tunncliffe, J. Tunncliffe, R. Fletcher, R. Ross, — Graham, S. Beech, W. H. Woods, W. Fletcher, H. Brown, J. H. Potter, H. Blakeley, J. Murray, R. Drake, A. Menard, S. Holt, A. Thurbar, G. Grimstone, J. Taylor, — Maffey, — Cassidieu, P. Tribe, H. Dunstone, W. Martin, J. A. Oddy, T. Derry, G. Grove, C. McKenzie, — Miller, R. Price, — Ragozoni, C. Streeter, H. Williams, B. Paget.

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In referring to the work special mention is due to the wonderful help given by the Daughters of the Empire, who, organized and operating as only they know how to do, succeeded on one of the most inclement days of the whole year in raising \$10,775 as their collection from the public of Victoria. The help which this splendid body of ladies gave is but one of many similar liberal activities organized in behalf of the canvass, and in various ways scores of citizens have helped freely with time and money to raise the amount as high as it is.

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DOUGLAS FIR IN THE WEST INDIES

Special Trade Commissioner Mentions Matter in Report

The question of new markets for B. C. lumber has received a great deal of attention recently. In the publication "Canada and the West Indies," prepared by Watson Griffin, and published by the authority of the federal minister of trade and commerce (Sir George Foster), allusion is made to the subject. Mr. Griffin was special trade commissioner, ordered to report on the possibilities of trade under the preferential tariff agreement.

Speaking of lumbering possibilities he says: "A question of very great importance to Canada and the British West Indies is whether the Douglas fir of British Columbia can take the place of the pitch pine of the Southern states. The opening of the Panama canal greatly shortens the distance between Canada's Pacific province and the British West Indies.

"A number of lumber dealers in each of the colonies were asked their opinion about this, and they all agreed in saying that they would buy British Columbia lumber in preference to that of the Southern states if convinced that it would stand the climate as well and resist the attacks of insects.

"In Jamaica a large lumber dealer said: 'I believe Douglas fir will serve every purpose that pitch pine serves in this colony. I have seen the wood and it looks all right to me, but in order to convince the people here who are accustomed to buying pitch pine it will be necessary to show them that Douglas fir will stand the climate. I would suggest that the British Columbia lumbermen should arrange with some one to build a house of Douglas fir in a central situation where every one could see it. Let the house be well designed to present an attractive appearance and show off the wood to advantage, and let the people see how well it will stand the climate.'

"The reason why large quantities of Canadian white pine and spruce are sold in these colonies is that the people recognize that certain kinds of wood work must wear out just as clothes wear out, and they are more ready to buy cheap clothing that wears out quickly than expensive clothing that lasts a long time." said a British Guiana merchant. "Our own native woods are more durable. They stand the climate better; they resist the attacks of white ants as spruce and white pine will not, but we can bring the white pine and the spruce all the way from Canada cheaper than we can get the hardwoods out of our own forests. But there are many purposes for which we must have wood that is more lasting. Even for such purposes we often find that it is cheaper to import pitch pine from the Southern states than to use our native woods.

"If a greater number of the same kind of trees grew together in the tropics there would probably be very little sale for Canadian lumber in the British West Indies. The forests of Trinidad, Dominica, St. Lucia and British Guiana would be able to supply the demand. So many different kinds of trees grow together and there are so few of one kind to the acre that it is difficult to get large quantities from any one place. The cost of transporting the timber from the forests to the centres of population and the seaports is greater than the cost of transportation by water all the way from Canada or the Southern states. It is probable that this cost of local transportation would have been greatly reduced long ago if native trees of the same kind grew together in large numbers for it would then have seemed worth while to invest capital in providing transportation facilities.

"The Trinidad government policy of making plantations of forest trees of one kind if followed by the governments of the other colonies may revolutionize conditions in course of time, but it will take from twenty-five to fifty years to bring about important results, and in the meantime many millions of feet of Canadian lumber will be sold in these colonies."

There are 32,200 medical practitioners in the British Isles, namely, 6,735 in London, 18,100 in the provinces and 7,465 in Wales, with a total population of 36,070,492; 4,070 in Scotland, with a population of 4,700,904; and 2,861 in Ireland, with a population of 4,240,219.

Some idea of the fighting power of a Dreadnought may be gathered from the fact that the extreme range of its guns is 25 miles, while they can be very effective at a range of 12 miles. They are most deadly, however, at a range of between five and six miles.

The average weight of a man's brain is 14 lbs., a woman's 12 lbs. 11 oz.

Why Tolerate Catarrh?

You have noticed, no doubt, that any cold aggravates nasal catarrh, and the flow of mucus amazes you that such objectionable matter could find lodgment in your head. To ignore this catarrh when the cold subsides is wrong because it continues to slowly injure the delicate linings of the nasal passages and clog them up.

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ISLAND AUTO BODY HAS DONE GOOD WORK

Pursued Go-Ahead Policy With Regards to Roads and Highways

The Island Automobile association during 1915 has made great advancement compared with the former years during which it was active as an organization. The association was reorganized with a new governing board of which A. E. Todd was elected president.

From the time of the reorganization a membership campaign was authorized, and automobile owners joined willingly to secure the advantages the association offered. In a few months the membership increased by about one hundred. Many persons north of Victoria became interested, and representatives for the several districts were chosen from those who were members of the Island association in those districts.

The association worked through the year to promote good roads on Vancouver Island, dealing not alone with long roads, but taking an interest in repairs needed in the various municipalities and where these were neglected urging on the councils the necessity of good roads at all times. The principal highways were looked after during the tourist season by the association secretary, C. L. Harris, in so far as sign posts and warning boards were concerned. The island highway and other scenic stretches were gone over, old signs were repainted, and new ones placed where needed.

During the busiest part of the tourist season the officers of the association were at hand when needed to demonstrate by driving important parties of people about that there are numerous advantages in Victoria, and the advertising given the city in distant places by this procedure was considered very large and valuable.

The members of the automobile club have, during the year, been generous in offering their machines where they were needed in showing large parties of people what Victoria can offer. Many members attended the drive given the New York state rotary delegation of one hundred and ten people. The parties of American bankers and Canadian parliamentary men were similarly entertained by members of the association and others. The club gave pleasure to the poor as well as to the rich in this way by taking care of the Rotary club's guests at the Christmas tree and entertaining the orphaned children on Christmas morning.

One of the projects begun by the association this year, and which is to be vigorously followed up in 1916, is the completion and recognition of the Canadian highway, a road that will go across Canada with highway signs wherever needed to indicate to travelers the whole of the highway.

The association also has been interested all through the year in the improvement of traffic regulations and many matters of public interest dealing with the automobile trade. It was through its energy that Victoria received through a Seattle newspaper a wider and more complete advertising than any part of the state of Washington during last summer. Many tourists who came through Victoria became acquainted with the association officers, and were given all facilities and information in regard to routes and regulations. Each one expressed appreciation of the able manner in which the officers took care of them, and smoothed out details for them.

The association plans next year to continue the membership campaign, the Canadian highway movement, and to follow an aggressive and go-ahead policy.



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DELINQUENT TAXES.

To the Editor:—I note the Saanich council have endorsed the report of the municipal association on this question. It looks to me a very ill-considered scheme and one in which both the corporation and the delinquent loses money. Under the present system the delinquent not only loses the discount but pays 6 per cent. on the arrears, and as the corporation can borrow at a lower rate than this he is a source of revenue. The proposed measure not only loses this profit but adds 2 per cent. on to the taxpayer. Any legislation on this question should aim at lightening the burden of the taxpayer. This measure is only in the interest of the speculator. To obtain power to borrow against the unpaid taxes seems the only equitable solution of the difficulty.

GEORGE A. FREEMAN, Maywood, December 22.

We get an idea of the density of the Dead Sea when it is stated that in a ton of water from the Atlantic there is 31 pounds of salt, as against 165 pounds in the same quantity from the Dead Sea.

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BOARD OF TRADE WAS ACTIVE IN MANY WAYS

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story within which they can do business on even terms with the Vancouver houses. Another matter of rates in which the board has been able to secure justice for Victoria is from the Union Steamship company and the Canadian-Australian line, both of which have agreed to absorb the local when steamers do not stop here and freight has to be carried to or from Vancouver to get them.

Military Affairs. In military affairs the board has not been idle. It urged upon the federal government early in the year that a larger contingent should be sent from Canada. It last week arranged for a meeting of public bodies in connection with the movement to have the 143rd "Bantams" battalion trained here, and as a result the city council has made a generous offer to the department of militia. It initiated action towards the formation of a strong committee to assist returned soldiers in securing employment, and after a short time this work was taken over by the provincial committee which is acting in conjunction with the military hospitals commission. It also took action in favor of the establishment here of an aviation school, climatic conditions making an all-year course profitable.

Other matters among the many which have been and where necessary, continue to be dealt with by the board are reciprocity with Australia, the establishment of a Canadian customs officer in New York, the striking out of the objectionable features of the moratorium act of last session, trade with the South American countries, and reduction on parcels for soldiers at the front.

The board enters the new year with a strong council and committees, and will carry on its work vigorously.

MORE SUNSHINE THAN AVERAGE IN 1915

Rainfall During Year Has Been Less Than Usual; High Mean Temperature

Some interesting revelations on the vagaries of the weather for the past twelve months come to light in the report furnished by the Meteorological Observatory at Gonzales heights for the period since December 31, 1914. Should such a record as that of 1915 become an established thing then this part of Vancouver Island would have quite a new claim to attention on account of increased sunshine, higher average temperature, and lessened rains. Everyone will watch with interest, therefore, to see how the opening of the New Year compares with the record of the one which is just closing.

Precipitation. From a layman's standpoint the past few weeks have been notable for their high winds, and it has usually occasioned considerable surprise that the rains which have accompanied them on several occasions have been so light when the official reports of the amount of precipitation have come out. The total precipitation for the year as a matter of fact, is, up to date, nearly 6 inches below the average, and there is little indication that this amount will be made up before the end of the present week. The only months when the rainfall was above average were May, July, October, and December. In the case of the first two named the alteration was generally welcome, as both months suffer ordinarily by being too dry. The total precipitation for the entire year to date is 21.71 inches. In connection with the subject of precipitation it is also interesting to note that no snow fell during the year, a matter of special interest in a dominion of which such white territories lie beneath a white blanket for several months in the winter.

Temperature. The mean temperature for the year is 14° degrees above the average. With the exception of July and November all months were above the average in this respect. The highest temperature was 88 in August, and the lowest has been in the present month.

Sunshine. Five hours and 24 minutes per day of sunshine is the average for the past year, which has totalled in this respect 1,960 hours. This is above the average.

	Mean.	Ave.	High.	Low.	Grnd. Sun.	1915.	Ave.	Diff.
January	40.5	38.0	49	31	24	109	1.55	+2.05
February	42.5	40.4	52	34	27	107	1.55	+2.05
March	48.5	44.2	58	38	30	124	1.52	+2.06
April	51.0	48.4	67	39	29	133	1.52	+2.06
May	53.9	53.5	72	42	37	149	1.50	+1.82
June	57.3	57.3	80	46	39	142	.61	-.33
July	60.9	60.9	87	50	46	144	.81	-.19
August	62.0	62.0	88	49	44	139	.04	-.60
September	65.5	65.9	79	45	38	137	.30	-.26
October	61.1	60.5	62	43	35	123	4.30	+2.06
November	41.3	42.0	64	33	26	111	4.87	+3.36
December	42.6	41.7	61	31	25	102	4.76	+3.25
Year	56.9	56.4	88	31	25	144	21.71	27.46

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Yearly amount, and compensates for the fact that November and December have been unusually stormy months both in Victoria and along the whole coast.

Weather Summary. The following is a comparative table and weather summary for 1915 in Victoria:

	Temperature.	Low.	High.	on in	1915.	Ave.	Diff.
January	40.5	38.0	49	31	24	109	1.55
February	42.5	40.4	52	34	27	107	1.55
March	48.5	44.2	58	38	30	124	1.52
April	51.0	48.4	67	39	29	133	1.52
May	53.9	53.5	72	42	37	149	1.50
June	57.3	57.3	80	46	39	142	.61
July	60.9	60.9	87	50	46	144	.81
August	62.0	62.0	88	49	44	139	.04
September	65.5	65.9	79	45	38	137	.30
October	61.1	60.5	62	43	35	123	4.30
November	41.3	42.0	64	33	26	111	4.87
December	42.6	41.7	61	31	25	102	4.76
Year	56.9	56.4	88	31	25	144	21.71

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SUBALTERN'S SCHOOL.

Major Versturne Bunbury to Conduct Class for Lieutenants Opening January 3.

The following candidates have entered their names for the subaltern's course to be opened on January 3 at Work Point barracks, under the direction of Major Versturne Bunbury: 30th Regiment, B. C. H.—Captain P. de Gatur, Lieutenants C. H. Holbeck, G. G. Warwick, H. F. Hepburn, W. J. Spears, L. A. C. Kent, C. de T. West.

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SEEKING A FIELD FOR SALE OF WATER

Water Commissioner Is Examining Possibility of Metochin District From Conduit Line.

The extension of custom for the Sooke waterworks, on account of the very large amount of water flowing through the conduit which is not yet required in the city, has been engaging the attention of the water commissioner during the months since the completion of the contract.

Mr. Rust has been chiefly directing his inquiries to the Happy Valley, Metochin and William Head districts, as circumstances limit the area of operations. The Esquimalt waterworks company has already entered the field at Colwood, and the Sooke harbor district is supplied by a water company owned by the residents and working in co-operation with the city system. Therefore the opportunity is limited to the settlements lying between the two portions of the Sooke road which could be served from the flow line between the Goldstream cross road and Coopers Cove.

Only a part of Happy Valley road is stated to require the water, so that the easier way of serving Metochin would be by way of the Kanfuro trail, through Metochin village to William Head, where the quarantine station would be served. The consultations which the water commissioner has had with the residents, convince him that the demand for water exists, and that they would be only too glad to get the pure mountain lake piped into the district. They are a little doubtful, however, about the expense at a time when economy and retrenchment are the order of the day. Water and transportation are the greatest needs of the district, if its agricultural possibilities are to be fully appreciated.

In the absence of the establishment of a holding company, such as the Sooke residents formed, the question now arises whether the city would be justified in spending money out of the loan in order to earn a revenue outside its boundaries by laying the main to Metochin. This would make necessary a legal opinion as to whether the city would be doing right in laying a branch service not for its own citizens, though the project could be made a revenue-producing one.

The subject doubtless will be more carefully examined in the coming year. While the flow line is taking several million gallons daily more than the city requires, it seems regrettable that some arrangement cannot be reached with those who need the water, and would be only too glad to buy it if delivered within the district.

HARDSHIPS OF WINTER DESCRIBED BY WRITER

Humorous Christmas Menu Sent From the Trenches; Optimistic Note

Some of the hardships of winter in the trenches are noted in a letter written from the front by Pte. Wm. M. Fatt, of the provincial government printing department, to F. Forner, secretary of the Typographical Union here.

"Winter has set in for good," he writes, "and it is raining heavily nearly all the time. It is hard for people at home to imagine the mud that abounds everywhere, especially in the trenches in which the infantry have to live. I do not think there is another branch of the army which deserves so much credit as the infantry for their gallantry and the terrible hardships they have to undergo."

"We seem today to be in the position the Germans were a year ago. Then they had the men and plenty of munitions. Now we outclass them by two to one. For instance, last week our artillery fired 21,000 rounds to their 5,000. We never, or very rarely, see any of their aeroplanes, while there are always three or four British or French machines hovering over."

"It is estimated that by spring there will be upwards of three million men on the western front, and then I think things will begin to move (in the direction of Berlin)."

"It has been just over a year since I left Victoria, although it seems much longer. I sincerely hope to be back before next Christmas, and in fact I cannot see that the war will go on much longer. All the prisoners that have been captured lately and there have been quite a number—say that their authorities tell them all kinds of yarns to keep them from deserting wholesale, which all goes to prove that there is something radically wrong behind their lines."

With his letter Pte. Fatt sent the Christmas menu and toasts which his detachment, the divisional cyclists of the second division, were to enjoy later on. The menu is very humorous, among the delicacies set down being "dug-out pies with smoked helmets," "boiled leg of machine gun with belt dressing," and so on. The menu is embellished with colored comic sketches, and closes with the caution: "Please observe: no gratuities to the orderly officer."

The toasts are in a more serious vein, and in connection with that to the ladies appears the following beautiful little dedication:

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ALDERMANIC SESSION TO-MORROW AFTERNOON

Block W Appeal to Be Heard Next Week; Civic Improvement League Invites

There will be a meeting of the aldermen to discuss financial matters, prior to the streets committee meeting to-morrow afternoon. At the streets committee meeting it is understood that allusion will be made to the payment for the Sooke waterworks, the survey having now been completed.

The city solicitor is preparing for the court of appeal, which sits in this city on Tuesday next. The Block W case is the only city application. The court below had granted to W. J. Hanna his application for the appointment of an arbitrator, and the higher court is now being asked for an opinion on the matter. This case is one arising from an expropriation by-law of 1912, for opening a lake through Block W, between Pandora avenue and Johnson street, at Quadra street. The city did not proceed with the work. Nothing was heard of the matter till a communication came before the council in September notifying the council that the owner had appointed an arbitrator and requiring the city to do the same.

The Westholme Lumber company's appeal against the finding of Mr. Justice Murphy for the city in the Sooke waterworks suit will not be heard till April. This date has been set for the convenience of W. B. A. Ritchie K. C., who has been engaged to lead for the city, but who is still in the maritime provinces. W. J. Taylor K. C., for the company, has agreed to the proposal.

The council has been invited to participate in a conference at Ottawa on January 29, with regard to the formation of a Civic Development League for Canada. The object of the organization is to appoint the responsibility between provincial governments and local authorities in matters of public health, town planning, immigration, unemployment and the expenditure of public moneys. It has been inaugurated under the auspices of the commission of conservation. The town planning expert, Thomas Adams, who spoke early this year at the municipal authorities request when in Victoria, is responsible for the movement.

The object of the moment is to supplement the work of the unions of Canadian municipalities, and to co-operate in general civic improvement. The union consists necessarily of men interested officially in municipal administration, whereas the object of the league is to place no restrictions on its membership. A preliminary gathering already has been held in Ottawa, at which the principal speakers were Sir Clifford Sifton, Sir John Willison and others interested in educational progress.

INTERCESSION SERVICES.

The Bishop of Columbia, following the special call issued by the archbishops of Canterbury and York to the church throughout the empire for three days of intercession and special prayers at the beginning of the New Year for the troops of the allies and the cause for which they are fighting, has summoned the members of the Anglican church to respond to this call.

Arrangements have been made for a special midnight service in Christ Church cathedral on Friday at 11:15 p. m. to usher in the New Year. This service will consist of a celebration of the holy communion, with an address by the Dean of Columbia, and it is hoped that many church people from all over the city will seize the opportunity of beginning the New Year in this solemn and appropriate way and join in this great world-wide observance.

On Saturday at 10 a. m. matins will be said in the cathedral, followed by a celebration of the holy communion. Another service will be held at 8 p. m. Special intercessions will be offered at all these services, as well as at the regular services on Sunday.

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